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## PREFACE

This publication represents a revision of the Guide to Seized Records (Reference Aid Nr 17) published by the Departmental Records Branch, TAGO, in January 1956. In the two years since the first Guide was issued, the Captured Records Section of the Departmental Records Branch has been able to perfect the descriptions of many of the seized records in its custody. This accomplishment is reflected in the expanded record group summaries constituting this revised Guide.

The seized records comprise for the most part those enemy documents that fell into the custody of United States military forces while operating in Germany during and following the conclusion of World War II. Included also are some records seized by the Germans while they were occupying portions of the Soviet Union and Italy and records that came into American hands in the course of military operations in Korea, 1950-53.

The descriptions of the seized records are presented in the form of record group summaries, each summary covering the records of a particular organization or collection. The summaries were originally prepared for separate publication but have been brought together in this Guide so as to present the total picture with respect to seized records.

Generally, each summary is composed of two parts. The first part constitutes an historical account of the organization concerned, while the second part presents a description of the various records series created by the organization. Where appropriate, mention is also made of the location outside The Adjutant General's Office of other records of the organization. Revisions of the record group summaries will ordinarily be accomplished annually and distribution made of the revised summaries.

By action of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, certain captured records were downgraded to "Unclassified". Then records are covered in those record group summaries lacking any security classification.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1003

RECORDS OF THE REICH MINISTRY FOR PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT AND PROPAGANDA  
(Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung u. Propaganda)  
1936-1944

This Ministry was established on March 13, 1933. It was set up purportedly for publicizing the national reconstruction program and the domestic and foreign policies of the Reich and for disseminating news regarding affairs of state, the national economy, and national culture. Actually, the Ministry became the outlet for Nazi propaganda for both domestic and foreign consumption and the authority on censoring any and all information.

Dr. Josef Goebbels was placed in charge of the Ministry and remained in charge throughout the existence of the Third Reich. Having been Chief of the Propaganda Department of the Nazi Party since 1928, Goebbels patterned the Ministry after the Department in both its structure and methods of operation. The official seat of the Ministry was in Berlin. Numerous field offices were established throughout Germany. Goebbels' responsibilities also included the presidencies of a number of cultural organizations subordinate to or supervised by the Ministry.

Records.--The records of the Ministry in the custody of the Branch are fragmentary in nature. Comprising sixty-three feet of materials for the period 1936 through 1944, they consist of reports, orders, circulars, and correspondence dealing with the military deferment of individuals by virtue of special technical or professional qualifications such as engineering skills (radio, telegraph), language and literary skills (foreign press, preparation of propaganda material), and entertainment skills (acting, vocal and instrumental performances, sports). Included are reports, orders, and circulars issued by Hitler, Jean Lammers, Martin Bormann, and Goebbels concerning affairs of international congresses and associations. The records of the Ministry have not yet been cataloged.

For portions of records of the Ministry and subordinate organizations held by the Hoover Library, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the Yiddish Scientific Institute, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, Montgomery, Ala., December 1952, 90 p.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1004

RECORDS OF THE REICH MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS  
(Reichswirtschaftsministerium)  
1914-1945

The Ministry of Economics was established in 1919 succeeding to the Reich Economics Office (Reichswirtschaftsamt). On 1 July 1934 the Ministry and its counterpart in the State of Prussia were unified under the name Reich and Prussian Ministry of Economics. After the annexation of Austria in 1938, the name was simplified again to the Reich Ministry of Economics.

The Ministry was headed by Hjalmar Schacht from 1934 to November 1937 and by Walter Funk thereafter until the downfall of the National Socialist regime. Following Funk's appointment, the Ministry became subordinate to the Office of the Deputy for the Four Year Plan and shared jurisdiction over the national economy with the Reich Ministry for Armament and War Production.

Under the close supervision of the Ministry were the Reich Statistical Office (Statistisches Reichsamt) and the Reich Office for Soil Research (Reichsstelle fuer Bodenforschung).

The Reich Statistical Office was established in Berlin in 1872. Its mission was to gather, compute, maintain and publish statistical data on Germany and foreign countries. The Reich Office for Soil Research was set up on 1 April 1939 through the consolidation of state geological institutes in Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Hamburg, Hesse, Mecklenburg, Prussia, Saxony, Thuringia, and Wuertemberg. The former state institutes, however, continued to function as branches of the central office in Berlin. The Reich Office conducted geological, geophysical, and mining research in Germany and in contiguous areas.

Records.--The records of the Ministry and the two subordinate offices are fragmentary in nature, comprising a total of 240 linear feet of documents.

The Ministry's records, covering the period 1914-45, consist of correspondence, reports, memoranda, regulations, and circulars and are arranged according to the Ministry's sub-offices, as follows:

- Office of the Under Secretary
- Special Section (Sonderabteilung)
- Main Department I (Hauptabteilung I)
- Personnel Section (Personalabteilung)
- Administration Section (Verwaltungsabteilung)

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## Main Department II (Hauptabteilung II)

Mining Section (Abteilung Bergbau)  
 Iron and Metal Section (Abteilung Eisen-und Metalwirtschaft)  
 Power Section (Abteilung Energiewirtschaft)  
 Mineral Oil Section (Abteilung Mineraloelwirtschaft)  
 Chemistry Section (Abteilung Chemie)  
 Textile, Cellulose, and Paper Section (Abteilung  
 Textilien, Zellstoff, und Papier)  
 Other Industries Section (Abteilung Sonstige Industrie)

## Main Department III (Hauptabteilung III)

Economic Organization and Social-Economic Section  
 (Abteilung Wirtschaftsorganisation u. Soziale  
 Wirtschaftsfragen)  
 Trade Law and Control Section (Abteilung Gewerberecht  
 u. Gewerbeaufsicht)

## Main Department IV (Hauptabteilung IV)

Industrial Economy Development Financing Section  
 (Abteilung Finanzierung des Ausbaues der Gewerblichen  
 Wirtschaft)

## Main Department V (Hauptabteilung V)

Foreign Countries Section (Abteilung Laenderreferate)  
 Foreign Exchange Management Section (Abteilung  
 Devisenbewirtschaftung)  
 Export Section (Abteilung Export)

National Board of Foreign Trade (Reichsstelle fuer den  
 Aussenhandel)

National Office for Economic Development (Reichsamt fuer  
 Wirtschaftsausbau)

Foreign Exchange Offices (Devisenstellen)

National Boards for Administration of Raw Materials and Goods  
 (Reichsstellen /Rohstoff-u. Warenbewirtschaftung/)

Export Inspection Offices (Pruefungsstellen /Ausfuhr/)

Reich Economic Chamber (Reichswirtschaftskammer)

National Group Industry (Reichsgruppe Industrie)

National Group Power (Reichsgruppe Energiewirtschaft)

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Another portion of the records of the Ministry (about fifty linear feet) are in the custody of the Berlin Documents Center which is administered by the Department of State.

The records of the Reich Statistical Office, 1914-45, comprise statistical reports and charts, studies, correspondence, and newspaper clippings on many phases of the national life, including agriculture, commerce, construction, defense planning, economics, fishing, finance, foreign trade, forestry, industry, mining, natural resources, population, salaries and wages, transportation, and war damages. The statistical data pertains largely to Germany but includes data on other countries. Also included among the records of the Office is a coded industry card file (Reichsbetriebskarte, 20 linear feet), giving information about German industrial firms located in Germany.

The records of the Reich Office for Soil Research, 1939-44, consist of reports and studies on the geological origins and deposits of various minerals in Germany and other areas.

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RECORDS OF THE REICH AIR MINISTRY  
(Reichsluftfahrtministerium)  
1918-1945

The Reich Air Ministry was established in 1933, succeeding to the Office of the Reich Commissioner for Aviation, and was headed by Herman Goering throughout the National Socialist regime. Although organized to deal with both civil and military aviation, the Ministry concerned itself almost exclusively with Air Force matters during the late pre-war and war years. This phase was also directly under Goering in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force.

Records.--That portion of the records of this Ministry in the custody of the Branch, covering the period 1918-1945 and comprising about 220 linear feet of documents, consist of:

1. Correspondence, reports, manuals, operational guides, aerial photographs, drawings, blueprints, and studies of the Ministry and of a number of semi-official organizations and institutes, including the German Air Research Institute (Deutsche Luftfahrtforschung), Aerial Communications Institute (Flugfunkforschung), German Aeronautical Testing Station (Deutsche Versuchsanstalt fuer Luftfahrtforschung), Hermann Goering Institute for Aeronautics (Luftforschungsanstalt Hermann Goering), Zugspitze Observatory, the Lufthansa, the aerodynamic testing station at Goettingen, and air proving grounds at Rechlin, Tarnowitz and Travemunde (160 linear feet). The records deal primarily with the development and production of aircraft and related materiel and include files on the following subjects: aircraft and personnel losses during World War II, organization of the Luftwaffe, war games, defense against air raids, experimentation with new types of aircraft, wind tunnels, flight instruments, radio equipment, navigational aids, aircraft armaments, aircraft production quotas, delivery schedules, manufacturing procedures, development of substitute materials, spare parts, advertising, specifications for aircraft, air installations, synthetic fuels and lubricants, meteorological data, captured enemy aircraft and equipment, road surveys, anti-aircraft weapons and ammunition, barrage balloons, jet engines, and gliders.

2. Records of the Special Aerial Photography Branch (Sonderluft-bildabteilung) of the Ministry, 1936-1944, 60 linear feet, comprising glass negatives of maps (1:5000 and 1:100,000) and field compilations (1:1000 to 1:5000) based on aerial photography and survey reports on Germany and other Western European countries.

For a description of the Ministry records in the custody of the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Ala.], December 1952, 90 p.

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See Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, "Desk Catalog of German and Japanese Air-Technical Documents," Dayton, Ohio, 1946-48, 6 vols., for the Reich Air Ministry records found among about 55,000 German air technical documents in the custody of the Documents Service Center, Armed Services Technical Information Agency (ASTIA), Knott Building, Dayton 2, Ohio.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1006

RECORDS OF THE REICH POSTAL MINISTRY  
(Reichspostministerium)  
1936-44

The history of the German postal services dates back to the middle ages when some form of postal services was in existence. Such services became more formalized in 1850 when the German-Austrian Postal Union was formed. The North German Bundespost was established by the Prussians in 1867, to be succeeded by the German Federal Bundespost in 1871. A Reichspostamt was created in 1880 which eventually became the Reichspostministerium in 1919. It was renamed Deutsche Reichspost in 1924, only to become the Reichspostministerium again in 1937.

Dr. Wilhelm Ohnesorge was Reich Postal Minister for most of the period covered by the records in this record group. He was appointed to the position on 2 February 1937 after having been State Secretary in charge of postal services since 1933.

The German postal system comprised the Reich Postal Ministry, Regional Postal Authorities (Reichspostdirektionen), and the postal offices in the field. Among the Ministry's organizations were the Central Office for Postal Services, Postal Savings Accounts Office, Postal Welfare and Pensions Office, Postal Communications Research Office, and the Reich Printing Office. The Regional Postal Authorities controlled postal checking account offices and the various telegraph and telephone service and maintenance offices.

Records.--The records of the Ministry held by the Branch, dated 1936 through 1944 (about 25 linear feet), are fragmentary in nature. They comprise directives, reports, lists, card files and correspondence, including materials on "Operation East," "Operation Reich Post Central Radio," "Operation Russia," "Operation West," and "Operation Scandinavia." The records also consist of minutes of meetings of ministry officials, personnel budget of the Ministry, list of officials and employees showing their military service, documents concerning the Ministry's Communication Branch at Fuerstenhagen, and directives and instructions for the training of postal employees for service in the Eastern occupied territories. Included also are miscellaneous records dealing with the return of refugees to their native countries, resettlement problems in South Tyrol, and economic aid to married and unmarried women.

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In the custody of the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress are about 500 photographs illustrating activities of the Reichspost, 1933-45. The Manuscripts Division of the Library has personal correspondence and other materials relating to Dr. Ohnesorge. (See War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents /Montgomery, Ala./, December 1952, pp. 34, 43.)

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REICH MINISTRY FOR ARMAMENTS AND WAR PRODUCTION  
(Reichsministerium fuer Ruestung u. Kriegsproduktion)  
1925-1945

The Reich Ministry for Armaments and Munitions (Reichsministerium fuer Bewaffnung und Munition) was established in March 1940, with Dr. Fritz Todt as its first minister. In February 1942, after Todt's sudden death, Albert Speer was appointed to direct the Ministry. The functions of the Office of War Economy and Armaments (Wehrwirtschafts- u. Ruestungsamt) of the German Armed Forces High Command were absorbed by the Ministry on 1 February 1943. The Ministry was redesignated the Reich Ministry for Armaments and War Production (Reichsministerium fuer Ruestung u. Kriegsproduktion) on 2 September 1943. In complete charge of the manufacture of armaments and munitions and supervising a German and non-German labor force of millions, Speer dominated war production in Germany.

Records.--The records of the Ministry, 1925-1945 (220 linear feet and 6 microfilm reels) consist in the main of the records (170 linear feet) of the Augsburg Armament Command (Ruestungskommando). Overall, the records of the Ministry comprise official and private correspondence of Albert Speer; minutes of meetings; transcripts of conferences; directives; reports; construction plans; graphs on imports and exports; blueprints; plant layouts; organization charts; mail logs; contracts; production schedules; lists of firms; commercial brochures; catalogues and nomenclature manuals; card files containing data on security agents in Thuringian firms; size of Reich firms; disposition of Deutsche Reichsbahn freight cars; vehicles belonging to Augsburg area firms; and the description and location of natural military obstacles; suggestions on manpower reporting; analyses of samples of various grades of steel; standards of composition and performance for industrial iron and steel; and data on chemicals, fuels, housing, lubricants, machine tools, minerals, plant security, power plants, raw materials, textiles, transportation, and water supply.

Organizationally, the records of the Ministry fall into the following pattern:

- Ministerial Offices, 33½ linear feet
- Technical Office (Technisches Amt)
- Armament Supply Office (Ruestungslieferungsamt)
- Armament Office (Ruestungsamt)
- Planning Office (Planungsamt)
- Mechanical Reporting Branch (Maschinelles Berichtswesen)
- Armament Inspectorates (Ruestungsinspektionen), 176½ linear feet
- Inspectorates had headquarters in provincial capitals

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## Foreign branches included:

Armament Staff, Denmark (Ruestungsstab Daenemark)  
 Armament Commission for Occupied Poland (Ruestungs-  
 Kommission fuer den General-Gouvernement)  
 Deputy General in Italy (General-Baufuertrage in  
 Italien)

## Armament Commands (Ruestungskommandos)

Central Group (Zentralgruppe)  
 Adjutantur (concerned with office management,  
 publication of directives, security)  
 Z1 (concerned with induction, military exemption or  
 recall of manpower)  
 Z2 (concerned with urgency status of freight ship-  
 ments, accounting of vehicles, rationing and  
 consumption reports for fuels)  
 Z3 (concerned with manpower, procurement, housing,  
 importation of foreign manpower)  
 Technical Plant Readiness Group (Technische Betriebs-  
 bereitschaft) (concerned with procuring electricity,  
 fuels, machine tools, with the transition and con-  
 version of plants, procurement of warehouse space,  
 and evacuation of plants)

The Berlin Documents Center also has some records of the Ministry.  
 This Center is administered by the Department of State.

For a description of the small group of records of the Ministry in  
 the custody of the Library of Congress and the National Archives, see  
 War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured  
 Records, (Montgomery, Ala.), December 1952, 90 p.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1008

RECORDS OF THE  
 REICH MINISTRY FOR THE OCCUPIED EASTERN TERRITORIES  
 (Reichsministerium fuer die besetzten Ostgebiete)  
 1941-1945

The administration of territories occupied by the Germans east of the Vistula was at first the responsibility of the Defense Economy Staff East (Wehrwirtschaftsstab Ost), which took over and instituted a program of economic exploitation promptly after occupation. Soon after the German troops marched into the Soviet Union (22 June 1941), Hitler decided that the administration of occupied areas should be the responsibility of a separate ministry. He therefore set up the Reichsministerium fuer die besetzten Ostgebiete, naming Alfred Rosenberg to the post of Reichsminister on 17 July 1941. Rosenberg's administration succeeded in bringing into Germany great quantities of agricultural products, raw materials, and factory products. Most important of his conscripted imports were the millions of workers who were used as forced labor to keep the German war machine in operation.

In the beginning, the organizational structure of the Ministry provided for but three subordinates (Reichskommissare) who reported directly to Rosenberg. One of these Reichskommissare directed the administration of the Ostland (comprising Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), the other that of the Ukraine, the third that of White Ruthenia. Subdivisions of these Reichskommissariate were identical for the three areas, as follows:

## Reichskommissariat

Generalbezirk, headed by a Generalkommissar.

Kreisgebiet, headed by a Gebietskommissar. When several  
 Kriegsggebiete were combined, the newly formed  
 district was called a Hauptbezirk, its director  
 a Hauptkommissar.

Civil administration in the Reichskommissariate Ukraine and White Ruthenia differed from that in the Reichskommissariat Ostland in that the former were under tight central control. The indigenous population of the Ukraine and White Ruthenia was homogenous, whereas that of Ostland was heterogeneous. Their economy was preponderantly agricultural, while Ostland's economy was both industrial and agricultural. The Generalbezirke Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania were permitted by the Germans to have their own civil administration. These administrations, however, were under the general supervision of the respective German Generalkommissar.

Although the political administration of the occupied eastern territories was centrally controlled by the Ostministerium, no single authority comparable to this ministry existed to handle technical problems such as inland shipping, posts and telegraphs, public works, transportation, and utilities. Instead, the various Reich authorities, which controlled such matters, assumed responsibility for similar tasks in the eastern areas. All their activities were coordinated with the Ostministerium.

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Records. -- The small collection of records of the Ministry in the custody of the Branch, 1941-45 (96 linear feet), was received direct from the Office of the Chief of Counsel for War Crimes at Nuremberg, Germany, where they had been used in the prosecution of war crimes trials. The collection comprises circulars, correspondence, regulations, and reports dealing with a variety of subjects including the activities of General Andrei Vlassov, Draza Mihailovic, and Marshal Tito, attitudes of the Ukrainians, Russians, and various ethnical groups of the Soviet Union toward the Germans, economic exploitation of the Soviet Union by the Germans; establishment of the Russian and Ukrainian National Committees; the general economic situation in the occupied countries; German mistakes and failures regarding occupation policies; German propaganda in Russia; land reform; partisan warfare; the recruitment and treatment of Eastern workers in occupied areas and in Germany; and the status of the church and clergy under German occupation. Included in the collection are records of the Continental European Research Division (Abteilung Kontinental-europaische Forschung) of the Ministry.

For a description of the records of the Ministry in the custody of the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, (Montgomery, Ala., December 1952, 90 p.

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## RECORDS OF THE

REICH LEADER OF THE SS AND CHIEF OF THE GERMAN POLICE

(Reichsfuehrer SS u. Chef der Deutschen Polizei)

1922 - 1945

Leadership for the implementing of Hitler's program of complete control of the Nazi State was placed in the hands of Heinrich Himmler in his dual capacity as Reich Leader SS and Chief of the German Police.

The organization from which the "SS" gradually evolved was the Headquarters Guard (Stabswache), which was founded in March 1923 and which counted among its membership only the most trusted and reliable members of the Nazi Party. In May 1923, the Headquarters Guard was renamed the Shock Troop Hitler (Stosstrupp Hitler). It was again reorganized and redesignated the Protective Squad (Schutzstaffel) (usually referred to simply as the "SS") in 1925. The original mission of the organization was to protect the person of Adolf Hitler and of other party functionaries and to assume responsibility for the security of the Nazi Party itself.

Upon Himmler's appointment as Reich Leader, the "SS" was systematically expanded. Its membership of 270 in 1929 grew to a total of some 240,000 by 1939. The scope of its duties was broadened to include activation and control of the SS Special Employment Troops (SS Verfuegungstruppe), a semi-military organization, which was to form the nucleus of the Armed SS (Waffen SS), established in 1940. The Armed SS grew rapidly in size and importance until it finally became one of the components of the Wehrmacht with a total of 40 (mostly armored) divisions. The "SS" was also the parent of the Death's Head Formations (Totenkopf-Verbaende), which furnished guard and administrative personnel for the concentration camps in Germany and German-occupied territories.

The organizational pattern of the dual offices held by Himmler is outlined below in the description of the records of the offices.

Late in the war period, the Sonderdienst Seehaus was transferred from the Reich Foreign Ministry to the Reich Leader SS. The Sonderdienst Seehaus was responsible for monitoring foreign broadcasts.

Records. -- The records of the Reich Leader SS and Chief of the German Police, covering the period 1922-1945 (1349 linear feet), comprise documentary materials for the following organizational elements:

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## 1. SS Chief of Staff (Reichsfuehrung SS)

Correspondence, reports, directives, studies, war diaries, newspaper clippings, statistical data, and maps concerning security measures, the settlement and resettlement of Germans and non-Germans, racial policies, problems in occupied areas, procurement of raw materials, labor in relation to the war effort, Nazi ideology and philosophy, inspections, participation in demonstrations and parades, use of SS women auxiliaries, and other matters. These are the records of the following suboffices:

- a. Personal Staff (Persoenlicher Stab)
  - b. SS Main Office (SS Hauptamt)
  - c. SS Main Operations Office (SS Fuehrungshauptamt)
  - d. SS Main Economic-Administration Office (SS Wirtschaftsverwaltungshauptamt)
  - e. Main Office for Racial and Settlement Affairs (Rasse- u. Siedlungshauptamt)
  - f. Main Welfare and Social Security Office (Hauptfuersorge- u. Versorgungswesen)
  - g. SS Main Legal Office (Hauptamt SS Gericht)
  - h. SS Main Personnel Office (SS Personalhauptamt)
- Other suboffices with their records are:
- i. The General SS (Allgemeine SS).

Correspondence, reports, regulations, and maps dealing with organization and administration, participation in sports and national events, security measures, SS libraries, policy towards Jews, morale of SS troops, recruitment and use of members of the SS Women's Auxiliary Corps, and other matters. Covered by these records are SS Regions (SS Oberschnitt), SS Areas (SS Abschnitte), and units of the Allgemeine SS, including infantry and cavalry regiments; signal, engineer, and x-ray battalions; SS Postal, Railway, Industrial, Radio Installation, Harbor Security, and Ship Protection Guards; Factory Police; and Police Traffic Service.

## j. Armed SS (Waffen SS)

Correspondence, directives, war diaries, personal name files, service records (i.e., medical, pay, and basic service record books), and related records. Subjects covered by these records include personnel administration, military and political training, inspections, recruitment, athletics, marriage of SS personnel, public information and press relations, treatment of ethnic Germans, and other matters. Organizations included under the Waffen SS are: Waffen SS Administrative Regions and Areas, Corps (3), Divisions (16), Brigades (4), Regiments (4), Battalions (2), other operational units (3), and War Academies.

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## 2. Office of the Chief of the German Police

## a. Main Office, Regular Police (Hauptamt Ordnungspolizei)

Correspondence, directives, reports, personal name files, and studies dealing with the confiscation of enemy propaganda leaflets and equipment; defensive measures against air raids; fires, gas attacks, sabotage, enemy agents, and partisan warfare; combat activities of police units; cooperation between German and foreign police; measures for the removal of bombs and for the restoration of utilities after an air raid; the duties, training, and schooling of the regular police; and other matters.

## b. Commander-Inspector of the Security Police (Befehlshaber-Inspekteur der Sicherheitspolizei)

Correspondence, reports, directives and other materials dealing with administrative and personnel matters (i.e., maintenance of quarters, clothing, equipment, weapons, pay and leave, decorations, casualties, and travel costs); investigation and combatting of espionage, sabotage, military installations, troop movements, transportation facilities, black market operations, black-out violations, and other matters.

## c. Reich Security Main Office (Reichssicherheitshauptamt)

(1) Office (Amt) I, Personnel: Reports, correspondence and orders covering the organization, duties, personnel actions, and service benefits of Security Police personnel. Included are police base files, instructional material for use in police schools, and studies concerning geopolitics, world freemasonry, and the Russian question.

(2) Office II, Organization, Administration and Legal Matters: Reports, correspondence, directives and orders pertaining to the organization and functions of the Security Police, security control measures for emergencies such as fire and air raids, combatting partisan warfare, laws governing German citizenship, the control of German and foreign workers, the control of foreign traffic and exchange, and other matters.

(3) Office III, Security Police and Security Service: Reports (Meldungen aus dem Reich), correspondence and directives dealing with administration of justice by the courts; police control and supervision of rail, highway and water traffic; agriculture; manufacturing and commerce; supply of raw materials; the conduct of German nationals in occupied territories; and other matters.

(4) Office IV, Gestapo: Records concern the functions and activities of this office.

(5) Office V, Criminal Investigation Police (Kripo): Records concern the organization and operations of this office.



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(6) Office VI, Foreign Intelligence: Records deal with the administration, operations and activities of this office.

(7) Office VII, Ideology: Studies on the Jewish question, the domestic situation in Russia, relations between Russia and England, and the political situation in the Red Army; reports and correspondence relating to the surveillance and confiscation of French and Jewish literature; and card files on German nationals in foreign countries.

(8) Office N, Military Intelligence Service: Records concern the functions and activities of this office.

(9) Office for Military Affairs: Records concern the administration, operations and functions of this office.

The Sonderdienst Seehaus records comprise solely compilations of intercepted news broadcasts from Ankara, Lisbon, Moscow, Rome, and other cities.

Approximately 6,680 linear feet of records of the Hauptamt SS Gericht, SS Rasse- und Siedlungshauptamt, SS Personalhauptamt, and SS Wirtschaftshauptamt, as well as personal name files of Waffen SS Officers, are held by the Berlin Documents Center, which is administered by the Department of State.

For portions of records of the Reich Leader SS and Chief of the German Police in the custody of the Hoover Library, the Library of Congress, and the Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Ala.], December 1952, 90 p.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1011

RECORDS OF THE  
REICH COMMISSIONER FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF GERMANDOM  
(Reichskommissar fuer die Festigung deutschen Volkstums)  
1939-1945

In the fall of 1939 Germany succeeded in negotiations with the Soviet Union in providing for the repatriation of ethnic Germans (Volksdeutsche) from the Baltic countries which had earlier that year been annexed by the USSR. In view of the enormous administrative task involved in the anticipated mass exodus of Germans desiring to leave Soviet rule, the office of the Reich Commissioner for the Strengthening of Germanism was established. Heinrich Himmler was appointed Reich Commissioner on 7 October 1939. His office, which was staffed mainly by SS officers, maintained headquarters in Berlin and a number of field offices as required during the subsequent resettlement of ethnic Germans from the Baltics, Rumania, the Soviet Union, and Tyrol.

The Reich Commissioner thus directed (a) the repatriation of ethnic Germans from foreign countries and their settlement in Germany or in areas annexed by Germany during World War II, (b) the re-Germanization of such people (including reorientation in Nazi ideology), (c) the re-distribution of property confiscated by the Commissioner, and (d) the internment in concentration camps of those ethnic Germans who proved unsuitable for re-Germanization.

The Berlin office consisted of the Office of the Chief of the Main Staff and three departments (Amtsgruppen) as follows: Amtsgruppe A, comprising a central office for personnel, statistics, legal aid, press and propaganda, restitution, and a central registrar's office, a resettlement and nationality branch; Amtsgruppe B, comprising an economy branch, an agricultural branch, and a branch for the administration of finance; and Amtsgruppe C, comprising a planning branch, a building branch, and a property and grounds branch.

Records. - Only a small portion (18 linear feet) of the records of the Reich Commissioner are in Departmental Records Branch, covering the period 1939-45. The records comprise administrative directives, correspondence, and memoranda concerning the repatriation and resettlement in Germany of "ethnic" Germans from occupied territories, and circulars and directives regarding personnel (civilian and "SS") who were assigned or attached to the office.

The bulk of the records of the Reich Commissioner (approximately 1600 linear feet) are held by the Berlin Documents Center which is administered by the Department of State.

For a description of records of the Commissioner in the custody of the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Ala.], December 1952, 90 p.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1012

RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF  
THE REICH COMMISSIONER FOR THE BALTIC STATES  
(Reichskommissar fuer das Ostland)  
1941-1945

When the Reich Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories (See Record Group Nr 1008) was established on 17 July 1941, the administration of the occupied Baltic States (i.e. Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania) was made the responsibility of the Reichskommissar Ostland. Hinrich Lohse, a Nazi Party Gauleiter, who was President of the State of Schleswig-Holstein, was appointed to this newly created position. He remained in this post during the entire period of the German occupation of the Baltics.

The office of the Reich Commissioner was organized in three departments: Department I, comprising the following sections - (a) Accounting, (b) Personnel and Organization, and (c) Procurement; Department II, comprising sections dealing with (a) Administration, (b) Culture and Education, (c) Finance, (d) Health, (e) Legal Affairs, (f) Policy, (g) Propaganda and Information, (h) Regional Planning, (i) Statistics, (j) Surveying, (k) Veterinary Affairs, (l) Welfare, (m) Women's Affairs, and (n) Youth Affairs; and Department III, comprising sections on (a) Agrarian Policies, (b) Economic Controls, (c) General Economy, (d) Industry and Trade, (e) Labor Policies and Social Administration, (f) Production, (g) Price Control, (h) Transportation, and (i) Trustee Administration.

Headquarters of the Reich Commissioner's office were located in Riga, Latvia. Also located in that city was the office of the General Commissioner for the City of Riga. Two Regional Commissioners subordinate to the Reich Commissioner maintained headquarters in Riga and Mitau.

Records.—The records of the Commissioner, 1941-45 (507 linear feet), including records of the General Commissioner in Riga and the Regional Commissioners in Riga and Mitau, consist of bills and receipts, correspondence, city and state budgets, gazettes, information bulletins, legal dossiers, newspaper clippings, personnel files, proclamations, regulations, statistical and historical papers, studies on Bolshevism and Soviet internal and foreign policies, and technical reports. Included with the holdings of the Reich Commissioner is a library (93 linear feet) comprising books, booklets, pamphlets, periodicals, newspapers, and collections of various official German publications such as the Reich Legal Gazette (Reichsgesetzblatt), Gazette of the Reich Chamber of Veterinarians (Amtsblatt der Reichstierärztkammer), and the Reich Ministerial Gazette (Reichsministerialblätter). Printed books in this collection deal with a multitude of subjects ranging from reference material to fiction and from biographical studies to accounts of personal experiences during the war.

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Record Group Summary Nr. 1013

RECORDS OF THE  
PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR HIGH FREQUENCY RESEARCH  
(Bevollmaechtigter fuer Hochfrequenzforschung)  
1930-1945

(Historical data covering the organization and functions of this agency are not available).

Records.—The records of this office, 1930-45 (34 linear feet), comprise microfilm enlargement prints of: (a) minutes of committee meetings dealing with high frequency research problems, (b) reports of individuals, state institutions, and private technological institutions (such as the Institute of Applied Physics of the Hanseatic University, the University of Graz, the Ferdinand Braun Institute of Radio Research, the Helmholtz Institute, the Four-Year Plan Institute for Oscillation and the German Gliding Institute), and (c) reports from branches of the Office of the Plenipotentiary located in various cities in Germany and occupied countries. These records deal with (a) radar techniques, (b) radar physics, including pulse technique, (c) radar countermeasures, (d) centimeter technique, (e) radio control, (f) television, (g) antennae and tubes, (h) navigation, (i) measuring technique, (j) communication, (k) propagation, (l) ionosphere, (m) infra-red and acoustics, (n) high frequency materials, (o) high frequency mathematics, and related subjects, mainly with respect to German research but also with respect to foreign research in this field. Included is a complete set of microfilms of the records and an English language compilation of extracts of the majority of the documents, prepared by the Technical Liaison of the Office of the Signal Officer, Headquarters, United Kingdom Base.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DEPUTY FOR SERBIAN ECONOMY  
(Generalbevollmaechtigter fuer die Wirtschaft in Serbien)  
1941-1945

The Office of the Chief Deputy for Serbian Economy was established shortly after the capitulation of Yugoslavia (19 April 1941), which resulted in the division of the country into the independent states of Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Serbian Banat, the chrome mining province of Skopje being allotted to Bulgaria, Obergruppenfuehrer Neuhausen was appointed Chief Deputy.

The mission of the office was to exploit the Balkan areas to meet the objectives of the Reich Four Year Plan and to have these areas thereby serve the German war machine. Rigid controls were enforced in the fields of agriculture, commerce, finance, mining, industry and other branches of the economy. Operations were conducted through the use of native and forced labor. The Serbian National Bank was established to serve Nazi interests. It redeemed worthless German occupation currencies and handled the liquidation of enemy and Jewish assets. In brief, the Office of the Chief Deputy seized, confiscated, and liquidated by process of Nazi law all tangible assets which could be found.

Organizationally, the Office of the Chief Deputy comprised the following elements:

Office of the Chief Deputy for the Metal Ore Mining Industry,  
Southeast (Generalbevollmaechtigter fuer den  
Metallerzbergbau, Suedost)

Office for the Provisional Administration of Jewish Owners  
of Real Property (Kommissarische Verwaltung des juedischen  
Haus-und Grundbesitzes)

Office of the Director of Military Administration and Com-  
missioner for Private Banks (Chef der Militaerverwaltung  
and Kommissarischer Leiter fuer Privatbanken)

Banat Evaluation Commission (Schaetzungskommission fuer Banat)

Construction Office, Belgrade (Bauburo, Belgrad)

The office maintained liaison with the Army High Command, the Chief Deputy for the Four Year Plan, the Commanding General in Serbia, the Director of the Reichsbank in Berlin, the Reich Ministry of Economics, the Reich Ministry of Finance, and the Reich Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs.

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Records. -- That part of the records of the Office in the custody of the Branch, covering the period 1941-45 and comprising about 116 linear feet of documents, consists of plans, regulations, studies, reports, vouchers and receipts, bills of lading, personnel files, agreements, samples of occupation bonds, war damage claims, photographs, and related record material incident to the program for which the Chief Deputy was responsible. Of special interest are records dealing with (a) Communist partisans and their interference in German operational plans, (b) the activities of the Chetniks under Draja Mihailovic, (c) resistance methods of Tito's followers, (d) the impact and results of the German "planned political economy" on non-Germanic peoples, and (e) the liquidation of Italian assets following the collapse of the Badoglio Government (7 September 1943). Records in this group are in the Bulgarian, Czechoslovakian, Hungarian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Russian, and German languages.

For records dealing with the military occupation of Serbia, see the holdings of the Commanding General in Serbia (Kommandierender General u. Befehlshaber in Serbien) in Record Group Summary Nr. 1030.

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Record Group Summary Nr. 1015

RECORDS OF THE  
TODT ORGANIZATION (ORGANISATION TODT)  
1937-1945

Dr. Fritz Todt, a graduate engineer and manager of the Sager and Woerner Construction Firm of Munich, proposed as early as 1930 that the solution to the unemployment problem was to be found in the construction of public works, primarily roads, which would serve the state in war as well as in peace. Hitler, convinced of the soundness of the plan, established (by decree dated 28 June 1933) a state-owned public corporation under the title Reichsautobahnen (Reich Highway System), this corporation being a subsidiary of the State-owned Reichsbahn. He named Todt its director. As director of the corporation, Todt coordinated his activities with the German Armed Forces, which in effect had control of the corporation's planning.

In June 1938 the corporation was assigned the task of constructing the Westwall (Siegfried Line), a task to which the Army Fortress Engineer personnel made a considerable contribution. The defense line was completed early in 1940, just before the campaign in the West. This project was followed by work on the construction of the Atlantic Wall. In a public address given in November 1938, Hitler referred to the gigantic construction enterprise upon which Germany had embarked as the "Organisation Todt". It is by this designation that the construction program came to be known.

After Todt's death in 1942, the Organisation Todt, generally referred to simply as the OT, was entrusted to the leadership of Albert Speer, Reich Minister for Armaments and War Production, who directed the OT program throughout the remaining years of the Nazi regime.

The OT, although not belonging to the Nazi Party, was under the political control of the "SS", with a liaison officer in every echelon of the organization. OT headquarters remained in Berlin throughout World War II. Operations in the field, i. e., in Germany and in German-occupied countries, were supervised through regional control offices which maintained close contact with Berlin and generally controlled major projects or work within a given area. The men were quartered in military fashion, their living quarters usually consisting of temporary camps which were erected near the construction sites.

The OT, attempting to remain independent of other organizations and of the Wehrmacht, maintained its own supply depots, police and security forces and punitive camps. Publicity for the organization was insured through the employment of OT war correspondents.

During the war a number of OT Front Regiments were organized, which, while attached to an Army Group, were charged with the construction and

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repair work in the combat zone. Strict military discipline was enforced in these regiments; and their employment as combat forces was occasionally the result of their close association with the Army during the last months of the war.

Records.--The records of this office in the custody of the Branch are fragmentary in character. Covering the period 1937-1945 and comprising 56 linear feet of documents, the records consist of correspondence mainly concerning (a) arrangements for the employment of foreign workers, (b) the transfer, release, leave, and wages of workers, (c) the exchange of machinery and operating personnel between the Armed Forces and the Todt Organization, and (d) the activation of OT regiments for front line work. Included also are lists and card files of German and foreign workers, construction companies, building associations, labor offices, and machinery and equipment for construction work; warrants for compulsory labor service for workers; and copies of OT publications.

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## RECORDS OF OTHER REICH MINISTRIES AND OFFICES

## (1) Foreign Ministry (Auswaertiges Amt)

The Foreign Ministry consisted of the following major organizational elements in 1939:

Immediate Office of the Foreign Minister  
Office of the State Secretary  
Head of the Auslandsorganisation in the Foreign Ministry  
Office of the State Secretary for Special Duties  
Office of the Ambassador for Special Duties  
Protocol Department  
Personnel and Administration Department  
Political Department  
Economic Policy Department  
Legal Department  
Cultural Policy Department  
News Service and Press Department  
Information Department

The Foreign Minister for the period 1932-38 was Baron Constantin von Neurath and for the period 1938-45 Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Records.--The Branch has only a sampling of the records of the Foreign Ministry and only copies in these instances. The records comprise copies of Foreign Ministry publications, including "White Papers"; defending German handling of certain foreign problems; photostatic reproductions of reports on the functions of the Soviet and Polish commissar systems; photostatic reproductions of telegraphic reports from German diplomatic posts in Europe and Asia on the Soviet war effort, aid to Russia, Soviet industrial capacity, and troop strength of the USSR; processed data compiled in the preparation for publication of historical-geographical atlases of Europe; and a microfilm copy of the personal papers of Counsel of Legation SS Sturmbannfuhrer Eberhard von Kuenberg (the originals of the von Kuenberg papers being held by the German Documents Branch, Historical Division, State Department); 1938-1944, 6 linear feet. For the Ribbentrop photographic collection, see Record Group Summary Nr 1051, Miscellaneous Photographic Records. See also Record Group Summary Nr 1043, Records of Former German and Japanese Embassies and Consulates.

The bulk of the records of the Foreign Ministry, covering the period 1867-1945, were deposited at Whaddon Hall, England, under the joint custody of the British Foreign Office and the United States Department of State. For a description of these records, see Department of State,

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Documents on German Foreign Policy, 1918-1945, Washington, D. C., 1949-57 (with gaps), 9 vols., I, 1077-1185. The Department of State has microfilm copies of those portions of the original records which the Department will publish in its series Documents on German Foreign Policy. As the Department publishes a volume in this series, it retires to the National Archives the microfilm copies of the pertinent records. To date the Department has retired to the Foreign Affairs Branch, General Records Division of the National Archives microfilm reproductions for the period 1867-1922 (about 1500 reels), reproductions of the Gustaf Stresemann papers, 1887-1930 (30 reels), and the papers of Fritz von Halstein, German diplomat. The American Historical Association's Committee for the Study of War Documents has microfilmed portions of the pre-1920 Foreign Ministry records and has deposited the negative reels at the National Archives. For a description of the records filmed, see the Committee's "American Committee Project for the Study of War Documents: List of Archival References and Data," no date, 65 pp, mimeographed. Negative or positive film copies of certain parts of the Foreign Ministry's records have been obtained by a number of American universities, including the University of California at Berkeley, Florida State University, University of Pittsburgh, and North Texas State College. In 1957 the original pre-1914 Foreign Ministry records were transferred from Whaddon Hall to the custody of the Federal Republic of Germany.

## (2) Reich Ministry of Justice (Reichsjustizministerium)

The Ministry of Justice comprised the following organizational elements:

- Immediate Office of the Justice Minister
- Office of the Under Secretary
- Personnel and Organization Department
- In-Service Training Department
- Prisons Department
- Criminal and Juvenile Legislation Department
- Criminal Procedure Department
- Civil Law and Procedure and Peasant Law Department
- Commercial, Transportation, Corporation, Public and International Law Department
- Budget, Building, Finance and Pensions Department

Among offices subordinate to the Ministry were the Supreme Court, Supreme Hereditary Health Court, Peoples Court, Reich Patent Office, Academy for German Law (see Record Group Summary Nr 1036), and the Reich Chamber of Attorneys.

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In the period 1932-45, the Ministry of Justice was headed successively by Franz Guertner (1932-41), Franz Schlegelberger (1941-42), and Otto Georg Thierach (1942-45).

Records. -- The Branch has only a very small portion of the records of the Ministry. These records consist of correspondence, memoranda, reports, and certificates covering the training and examination of junior barristers-at-law, court procedures, administration of penal institutions, procedures for handling clemency matters, and the administration of German law in countries occupied by German troops, 1930-1945, 2 linear feet. Also among the Ministry's records are copies of the Reich Legal Gazette (Reichsgesetzblatt), a periodical published by the Ministry for the dissemination of official legal information.

## (3) Reich Ministry of Finance (Reichsfinanzministerium)

This Ministry, which was headed by Count Schwerin von Krosigk from 1939 to 1945, comprised the following offices and departments:

- Immediate Office of the Finance Minister
- Office of the Under Secretary
- Office of the Inspector of Customs Police
- Bureau for General and Financial Problems
- Statistical Office
- Department for the Problems of Trustee Agency East
- Budget Department
- Department for Finances of States and Municipalities
- Central Finance Office
- Customs and Excise Duties Department
- Department for Property and Traffic Taxes
- Employee Affairs Department
- Department for General Economic and Financial Problems
- Department for Legal Problems and Economic Warfare
- Personnel and Administration Department
- Reich Building Administration
- Reich Monopoly Administration
- Supreme Financial Court
- Central Bank of German Cooperatives
- Reich Debt Administration
- Reich Central Treasury
- Supreme Finance Presidents

Records. -- The records of this Ministry in the custody of the Branch are very nominal in quantity. They comprise correspondence; reports; and publications dealing with the administration of tax laws, old age benefits, the levying of taxes and federal expenditures, financial

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dealings with Sweden, German obligations under the Dawes Plan, foreign exchange regulations, official interest tables, and other matters; 1924-1945, 4 linear feet. There are also copies of the Reich Customs Gazette (Reichszollblatt), published by the Ministry for the dissemination of official information regarding the customs service.

(4) Reich Ministry of Transportation (Reichsverkehrsministerium)

This Ministry was under the charge of Paul Eltz von Ruebenach from 1932 to 1937 and of Julius Dörpmüller from 1937 to 1945. It comprised departments for Railroads, German State Railway, Eastern Railways, Motor Transportation and Roads, Inland Shipping, and Administration.

Records. -- The records of the Ministry held by the Branch consist solely of topographical maps of Germany, 1:25,000, 13 linear feet.

(5) Reich Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Reichsministerium fuer Ernährung u. Landwirtschaft)

The Reich Ministry of Food and Agriculture consisted of the Food Estate (Reichsnaehrstand), the Office of the Reich Peasant Leader (Reichsbauernführer), Partisan Warfare Organization, and departments for Production and Distribution, Labor and Credit, Foreign Trade, Farms, Public Estates, and Settlement of New Territories. Richard Walther Darré was the head of the Ministry from 1933 to 1945.

Records. -- The Branch has only a very small portion of the records of this Ministry, comprising correspondence, reports, and circulars pertaining to the wartime rationing of food, the execution of the Four Year Plan, control over the supplies of oils and fats, the German agricultural situation, imports of fish from Norway, utilization of Dutch accounts for the purchase of South American grains, the procurement of fertilizers from Belgium and France, instructions on the raising of new types of crops in Germany, and the transfer of jurisdiction over the Crimean Peninsula from German military commanders to civilian authorities, 1938-1942; 4/12 linear foot.

The Berlin Documents Center, which is administered by the Department of State, has the personnel records of this Ministry, amounting to 600 linear feet of documents.

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(6) Reich Ministry of Science, Education and Popular Instruction (Reichsministerium fuer Wissenschaft, Erziehung und Volksbildung)

This Ministry was established on 1 May 1934 as the central agency for the Nazi control of the entire German educational system, ranging from nursery schools to universities and including Nazi political schools. Several of the larger German scientific institutions were also subordinate to the Ministry.

The Ministry was divided into five major branches: (a) Central Branch, (b) Science Branch, (c) Education Branch, (d) Popular Instruction Branch, and (e) Physical Education Branch. Close relations were maintained with the Reich Ministry of Propaganda and with a number of Nazi Party organizations that had an interest in science and education.

Reichsminister Bernhard Rust, who was appointed on 1 May 1934, directed the activities of the Ministry throughout the Nazi regime.

Records. -- The records of the Ministry, fragmentary in nature, comprise:

(a) Personal name files, 1929-1944, 35 linear feet, maintained by the Ministry on faculty members of German universities and other German institutions of higher learning.

(b) 65 reels of 16mm motion picture film on various subjects, mostly educational films for use in the public schools.

(c) Several copies of printed extracts from the 1942 and 1943 budgets of the Ministry and of printed lists of literary and other materials approved for use in the public schools, 3/12 linear foot.

(7) Reich Research Council (Reichsforschungsrat)

The Reich Research Council was established by an order of 16 March 1939 as a center of research, especially in connection with the Four Year Plan. Hermann Goering became President of the Council in 1942 or early 1943, at which time the Council's activities were broadened to include research in every branch of science, particularly chemistry, medicine, and physics. The various research institutes of the State, the institutes of universities and economic research organizations were united under the Council in order to coordinate their activities and avoid duplication of research efforts. Offices of the Council were located in Berlin and Northen/Hannover.

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Records. -- Only a small portion of the records of the Council are in the custody of the Branch. They comprise correspondence, reports, drawings, tables, and charts dealing with research, development, production and patent rights on ammunition, camouflage supplies, fuses, incendiary bombs, long-range guns, mines, precision instruments, projectiles, rockets, special machinery and tools, torpedoes, and other war materials, 1938-1945, 8 linear feet.

For a description of the records of the Council held by the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Alabama], December 1952, 90 p.

#### (8) Reich Ministry of the Interior (Reichsministerium des Innern)

The Reich Ministry of the Interior evolved out of the Reichsamt des Innern (1880-1919). On 1 November 1934 the Prussian Ministry of the Interior and the Reich Ministry were merged to form the Reichs- und Preussisches Ministerium des Innern. When Austria was annexed to Germany, the name was changed to Reichsministerium des Innern.

Dr. Wilhelm Frick became Reich Minister of the Interior when Adolf Hitler formed his first cabinet. Frick was succeeded by Heinrich Himmler who remained in the post until the downfall of the Reich.

The Ministry comprised the following main departments:

- Central Department (Zentralabteilung)
- Constitution and Legislation (Verfassung u. Gesetzgebung)
- Personnel (Personalabteilung)
- Veterinary Services (Veterinärwesen)
- Public Health (Volksgesundheit)
- Local Governments (Kommunalverwaltung)
- Geodesy and Topography (Deutsches u. Vermessungswesen)
- Reich Labor Service (Reichsarbeitsdienst)
- Athletics (Sport)

In addition, the Ministry controlled or supervised a number of organizations concerned with welfare, municipal affairs, emergency relief, and women's affairs.

The Reich Archives (Reichsarchiv), Reich Defense Commissioners (Reichsverteidigungskommissare), governors (Reichsstatthalter), and mayors as well as a number of other Reich and State authorities were also controlled by the Ministry.

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Records. -- The Branch has only a few records of this Ministry. They consist of personnel records of civil service employees of the County of Prachatz near Regensburg, Germany; copies of two pamphlets entitled Safeguarding of Official Information and Training in Combating Espionage, Sabotage and Sedition in the Government; copy of the printed budget of the Ministry for 1942; and a directory of the principal Reich authorities, 1935-1944, 4/12 linear feet.

A small volume of records of the Ministry (24 boxes) are held by the Berlin Documents Center, which is controlled by the State Department.

For records of the Ministry in the custody of the Library of Congress and the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research (formerly the Yiddish Scientific Institute); see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Alabama], December 1952, 90 p.

#### (9) Reich Ministry of Labor (Reichsarbeitsministerium)

This Ministry, with headquarters in Berlin, concerned itself with all matters relating to labor, trade supervision, wage regulation, unemployment and its relief, social insurance and housing. In this connection the Ministry controlled the numerous regional and local labor offices, insurance institutes, veterans' pension offices and labor courts throughout the Reich. The Ministry maintained close contact with the Office of the Plenipotentiary for the Four Year Plan, the Reich Ministry for Armaments and War Production, and the Reich Housing Commissioner.

Franz Seldte, the founder of the World War I German veterans' organization "Stahlhelm," was appointed Reich Minister of Labor on 30 January 1933. He remained in this position throughout the Nazi regime.

Records. -- The Branch has a very small quantity of the records of this Ministry. They consist of documents covering economic and industrial surveys of German-occupied areas in the USSR, and the organization and functions of military and civilian agencies charged with the economic exploitation of these areas, 1941-42, 1 linear foot. Among these documents are (a) the monograph, The Wage Situation, prepared by the Arbeitswissenschaftliches Institut der Deutschen Arbeitsfront, 1939; and (b) the manual, Handbook on Social Security, Pensions and Retirement, 1932, 2 vols.

The Berlin Documents Center has some records (3 boxes) of the Ministry.



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(10) Reich Patent Office (Reichspatentamt)

The Reich Patent Office was subordinate to the Reich Justice Ministry. It issued patents and registered trade marks under the provisions of the German Patent Law of 7 April 1891 and its revision of 7 December 1923.

The Office consisted of several examining and registration sections, a section for cancellations, and a settlement office. Decisions and announcements of the Office were published in the Patent Bulletin (Patentblatt).

Records. -- The Branch has a nominal quantity (132-linear feet) of the records of the Reich Patent Office. They consist of correspondence, patents and other papers relating to the patenting or registration of photographic and optical equipment, precision instruments, communication equipment, air conditioners, aircraft, motor vehicle parts, foodstuffs, etc., 1871-1943. Included are papers pertaining to patents issued in Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.

(11) Reich Topographical Office (Reichsamt fuer Landesaufnahme)

This Office was subordinate to the Reich Ministry of the Interior. It was responsible (a) for all surveying, triangulation and levelling undertaken by the State, and (b) for the production and issuing of maps. During World War II, the Office worked in close cooperation with the Mapping and Survey Branch (Abteilung Kriegskarten u. Vermessungswesen) of the German Army High Command (see Record Group Summary Nr 1030).

The Reich Topographical Office comprised five sections: (a) Headquarters and Administration, (b) Trigonometric Section, (c) Topographic Section, (d) Air Survey Section, and (e) Cartographic Section.

Records. -- The Branch has only eight documents of this Office (4/12 linear foot). They comprise (a) manuals on map reading, maps, and topography in general, (b) maps of the Caucasus, the European USSR, Germany, and Memelland, and (c) a catalog of maps of Austria, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, the Sudetenland, and Switzerland, 1935-1943.

For a description of the records of the Office in the custody of the Army Map Service, see DRB Guide to Captured German Records in the Custody of Department of the Army Agencies in the United States, Washington, June 1951, 64 p. A portion of the records of the Office are also held by the Military Geology Division of the United States Geological Survey.

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(12) Reich Weather Bureau (Reichsamt fuer Wetterdienst)

The Reich Weather Bureau was established in 1934 through the consolidation of existing national and regional weather services and was placed under the control of the Reich Air Ministry (Reichsluftfahrtministerium). It provided meteorological services for the Armed Forces, for commercial and private aviation, for agriculture, and for the shipping and fishing industries. Its main office was located in Berlin.

Records. -- The Branch has 4/12 linear foot of records comprising the following studies: "Climatic Survey of European Russia during the Winter," "Snow Conditions in Southern Russia," "Meteorological Conditions in European Russia during the Summer," and "The Appearance of Dry Periods in the European Area of the USSR."

The Air Weather Service, Andrews Air Force Base, also has some records of the Bureau.

(13) Inspector General of Roads (Generalinspektor fuer das Deutsche Strassenwesen)

By decree of 30 November 1933, Dr. Fritz Todt was appointed the first Inspector General of Roads. As such, he supervised the construction of the super highways (Reichsautobahnen) and the development of other roads and highways throughout Germany. His office controlled the regional highway office (Landestrassenamt) and thus kept a constant check on the construction and maintenance of, as well as strategic planning for, the German road network.

The Office of the Inspector General remained independent, being responsible to Adolf Hitler only. When Dr. Todt was killed in an accident in 1942, Albert Speer was appointed to succeed him.

Records. -- That portion of the records of the Inspector General in the custody of the Branch consist of (a) correspondence, circulars, directives and other papers relating to the construction and maintenance of the Reichsautobahnen and other highways in Germany and in occupied European countries; (b) maps, sketches, and technical data concerning road construction; and (c) miscellaneous papers dealing with the utilization of personnel, procurement and use of road construction equipment, and the protection of classified information; 1938-1944, 1 linear foot.

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RECORDS OF HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
GERMAN ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND  
(Oberkommando der Wehrmacht/OKW)  
1914 - 1945

The Armed Forces High Command was created by Fuehrer Decree of 4 February 1938 to supplant the Reich War Ministry (Reichskriegsministerium). General (later Field Marshal) Wilhelm Keitel was appointed Chief of the newly-created High Command. The decree stipulated that the Chief, OKW was to hold rank equivalent to that of the former Secretary of War (Reichskriegsminister) and that he was to exercise as the Fuehrer's deputy all powers formerly held by the Secretary. As Chief, OKW, Keitel was subordinate only to the Supreme Commander (Oberster Befehlshaber der Wehrmacht), Adolf Hitler. Keitel remained Chief, OKW until the end of World War II in Europe.

Records. -- The OKW records, covering the period 1921-1945 (1292 linear feet and 42 reels), comprise records of the following subordinate organizations:

1. Predecessor offices, the Reich Ministry of Defense (Reichswehrministerium) and Reich War Ministry.

Records, 1925-44, 2 6/12 linear feet, consist of correspondence, orders, reports, studies and other papers dealing with German-French relations; the political and economic situation in countries bordering on Germany, particularly Poland; the detail of army officers to foreign countries; fleet training schedules and visits abroad of German naval units; Federal aid to German nationals who claimed financial assistance as a result of border changes made after World War I; Polish nationalists in Germany; and other matters.

2. Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces (Oberster Befehlshaber der Wehrmacht).

Records, 1933-45, 3/12 linear feet, consist of correspondence, orders and reports concerning Hitler's instructions for Operations Atilla (occupation of unoccupied France), Barbarossa (invasion of USSR), Merkur (invasion of Greece), and Seeloeve (invasion of England); the conduct of military operations in Western Europe; the military and political situation in Eastern Europe; suggestions for the improvement of weapons; the treatment of captured enemy sabotage teams and commands; the defense of Northern Germany in the event of an Allied breakthrough splitting Germany north and south; and other matters. Also included is a copy of a report of a 23 May 1939 conference attended by Hitler, Goering, Keitel, von Brauchitsch and other top level German military leaders to consider Hitler's views on the necessity of a war with Poland.

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### 3. Office of the Adjutant to the Fleet Admiral (Adjutant Grossadmiral).

Records, April-May 1945, 3/12 linear foot, comprise correspondence, reports, messages and other papers dealing with a reorganization of the OKW, military operations during the last days of World War II, the military and political situation in Berlin, Admiral Karl Doenitz's appointment as Head of State, the reorganization of the German Government, the surrender of the German military forces to the Allies, and other matters.

### 4. Office of the Chief, OKW (Chef, OKW).

Records, consisting of correspondence, orders, reports, notes and other papers, 1936-45, 3 linear feet, concern the organization and reorganization of the OKW; military developments on the Russian front; the standardization of uniforms for the armed forces, the Reich Labor Service and the Todt Organization; supplying Croatian and Hungarian units with German ammunition and equipment; coordination between the Wehrmacht and the Nazi Party in the event of military operations on German soil; the reduction of the personnel strength of Army replacement units for the benefit of the combat forces; rations for non-Soviet POW's in German custody; combat pay and related questions; the reaction of the French Government and individual Frenchmen to the Allied invasion of North Africa; and other matters. Also included are OKW reports on the military situation on all fronts, September 1939-May 1945; a study on the conduct of the war in Western Europe; and a bilingual training manual prepared for the Arabian Liberation Corps.

#### a. Armed Forces Operations Staff (Wehrmachtfuehrungsstab).

Records, 1936-45, 12 linear feet, comprise correspondence, reports, directives, studies and other papers concerning a great variety of matters such as preparations for Operations Weiss, Seelowe, Barbarossa, and Marita; the operational situation on all fronts; Allied invasion plans and German preparations to meet this invasion; the organization and reorganization of the German Army; the strength of combat units; combatting resistance movements; military supply and transportation; war damages; civilian morale in occupied territories; estimates of the Red Army and Red Air Force strength; Russian defenses; administrative measures in Southeast Europe; evacuation and demolition measures in Italy; the treatment of Hungarian troops serving with Germany following Hungary's break with the Axis powers; coast artillery defenses of Europe; Finnish-Russian armistice negotiations; Allied violations of international rules of warfare; and the capitulation and surrender of the German military forces. Also included are numbered Fuehrerweisungen and unnumbered Fuehrerbefehle; the journal of the Operations Staff; Goering and Keitel directives for the air battle for Britain; General Alfred Jodl's diaries and papers, February-May 1940, December 1943-May 1945; German translations of Russian situation reports on the strength, armament, organization and losses of Russian units on the Finnish front; a study on the air war against Germany's fuel production and distribution, August 1943-June 1944; Hitler order for the use of concentration camp inmates and convicts rather than POW's for disarming time bombs and duds, October 1940; and correspondence relating to the death of Field Marshal von Kluge, August 1944.

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(1) Deputy Chief, Armed Forces Operations Staff (Stellvertretender Chef des Wehrmachtfuehrungsstabes) and predecessor office, the Home Defense Branch (Abteilung Landesverteidigung).

Records, 1925-45, 3 2/12 linear feet, consist of correspondence, reports, directives and other papers covering the following subjects: German mobilization plans in violation of the Versailles Treaty; plans for Operations Atilla, Barbarossa, Felix, Isabella, Marita, Merkur and Weiss; cooperation between German and Italian forces in the defense of Italy; administrative matters concerning the occupied Eastern European territories; the employment of Waffen SS units within the German Army; proposals to erect launching ramps for V-1 and V-2 rockets facing Sweden; Hitler conferences with Marshal Petain; measures to combat partisan warfare; cooperation with Finland, Hungary and Rumania; and other matters. Also included are minutes of Fuehrer conferences with high-ranking officers, and the diary of the Stellvertreter Chef, 4 January 1937-May 1939.

(a) Home Staff for Overseas Affairs (Heimatabteilung Uebersee).

Records, 1940-43, 2/12 linear foot, consist of correspondence about the shipment of supplies to German troops in Norway; tables of organization for the Armed Forces Transshipment Staffs in Hamburg, Trieste, and Constanta; and teletype messages regarding the sailings of German troop ships to and from Finnish and Norwegian ports.

#### (b) Army Operations Branch (Operations Abteilung Heer).

Records, 1940-45, 3 linear feet, comprise correspondence, directives, reports and other papers relating to the organization and functions of the Army Operations Branch; Operations Felix, Gisela, and Margarethe; inspection trips to the Balkan front; the fortification of Western Europe against an Allied invasion; operations on the Russian front and in Normandy; the disarming of Italian forces after Mussolini's downfall; the defense of Norway and Denmark; partisan and resistance movements; and other matters.

#### (c) Naval Operations Branch (Operations Abteilung Marine).

Records, 1937-45, consist of 3 documents (1/12 linear foot) as follows: (1) File of OKW directives regarding naval maneuvers and the training of naval personnel, 1937-39; (2) a directive of 16 April 1945 on the decentralization of the Staff of OKW and the relocation of naval staffs having offices in Berlin; and (3) a folder containing reports on alleged British violations of international law, memos on the contemplated arrest of French naval officers; and a message from the German commandant of the Isles of Guernsey and Jersey, 31 October 1944, concerning the feeding and possible evacuation of the civilian population.

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(d) Air Force Operations Branch (Operations Ab-  
teilung Luftwaffe).

Records consist solely of extracts from Major General Herbert Rieckhoff's study, "Trumpf oder Bluff" ("Trump or Bluff"), no date, describing the organization and development of the German Air Force and other services under the Nazi regime.

(e) Organization Branch (Organisations-Abteilung).

Records, 1941-45, 2 linear feet, contain correspondence, reports and other papers regarding the organization of the top echelon of the Armed Forces, the organization and reorganization of various army units, order of battle of army groups, the organization of military police units engaged primarily in locating and rehabilitating stragglers, Operations Gneisenau and Walkure, general officers stricken from the active rolls (i.e., retired, killed in action, or deceased), officer assignments to units in the field and to the Wehrkreise, and other matters.

(f) Armed Forces High Command Supply and Administration Section (OKW Quartiermeister).

Records, 1938-45, 3 linear feet, comprise correspondence, messages, orders, reports, charts and other papers concerning the procurement and distribution of supplies; requirements for fuel, ammunition and foodstuffs; the evacuation of the wounded, POW's and refugees from combat areas; the transportation of men and supplies; the evaluation of captured documents; cooperation between military and civilian authorities in theaters of operation; coordination with the Party Chancellery on command over besieged areas and fortresses; the treatment of POW's and internees; the evacuation of supplies and the destruction of depots prior to withdrawal; alleged violations of the rules of land warfare by enemy forces; the conduct of soviet troops in occupied German territory; and other matters.

(g) Intelligence Evaluation Office (Abteilung Ic).

Records, 1943-44, 2/12 linear foot, contain information on the organization of OKH intelligence offices; the partisan situation in Italy; communist infiltration into Bulgaria; the treatment of Italians who fought on the Allied side; Italian general officers and their present commands; Italian ammunition and fuel dumps in Northern Italy; the political situation in Italy, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey; the possible invasion of the Iberian Peninsula by Allied forces; and other matters. Also included are Field Marshal Kesselring's comments on the Allied bombing of Monte Cassino.

(2) Foreign and Counterintelligence Office (Amt Ausland/Abwehr).

Records, 1928-45, 7 1/2 linear feet, contain data on the surveillance of communist activities throughout Europe; the internment of enemy aliens

and control over friendly and neutral foreigners in Germany; the organization and location of Military Security Control offices (Abwehrstellen); the military situation in Eastern Europe; the possibility of Allied invasions of Albania, the Azores, the Balearic Islands, Corsica, Crete, Cyprus, Dalmatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Norway, Spain and Spanish Morocco; attempts to have Turkey join the Allied cause; political and economic conditions in various European countries; measures to combat underground movements in occupied Belgium and France; security in German defense industries; the Free Germany Committee (Nationalkomitee Freies Deutschland); the military situation in Austria prior to the Anschluss; and other matters. Also included are lists of documents retired to the Potsdam Army Archives, and studies on the Katyn massacre, political forces in the Balkans, the Military Security Service in the East in 1915 and 1916, signal service and counterespionage in the German Army, and communist ideology and philosophy.

(a) Central Branch (Zentral Abteilung).

Records, 1936-45, 3 linear feet, consist of papers of various Abwehrstellen and correspondence concerning international law, the reporting of incidents on the German-Soviet border, the organization and administration of Abwehrstellen, the enlistment of foreigners in the German Army, utilization of courier services, the employment of disabled personnel, instruction in foreign language and control over qualified translators, the procurement and issue of clothing and controlled items of supply, travel regulations for service personnel, and other matters.

(b) Foreign Group (Amtsgruppe Ausland).

Records, 1921-45, 17 linear feet, comprise correspondence, reports, charts, newspaper clippings and other documentary materials pertaining to the organization and mission of the Foreign Group; Allied blockade of Germany and German countermeasures; propaganda warfare against Germany and retaliatory measures; the treatment of prisoners of war by the Allies and by the Axis powers; the military, political and economic situation in Europe, the Near and Far East, North Africa, and North and South America; the Katyn massacre; control over foreign travel and foreign exchange; the strength, disposition and operations of enemy forces; the relations of German military personnel with foreigners; the acquisition of foreign newspapers and other publications; and other matters.

(c) Espionage Branch (Abwehr I).

Records, 1938-44, 6/12 linear inch (8 documents), contain the war journal of Abwehrtrupp I for the second and third quarter of 1941; a collection of German propaganda leaflets to be dropped behind the Russian lines; reports on espionage, sabotage and sedition in the armed forces; a study on Hungary's foreign policy; and a study concerning proposals for the training of confidential agents.

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## (d) Sabotage Branch (Abwehr II).

Records, July 1937-June 1944, 2 linear feet, comprise correspondence, reports and other papers relating to German sabotage operations in connection with military operations; the activities of regional field offices (Abwehrstellen) at Breslau and Koenigsberg, largely; Operations Wespennest and Mammut; the activities of Lehrregiment Brandenburg z.b. V. 800; and the telegraph and telephone facilities between Danzig and foreign areas.

## (e) Counterespionage Branch (Abwehr III).

Records, 1937-45, mainly (with some records dating back to 1923), 5 6/12 linear feet, concern the activities of the Branch's field office at Paris; French resistance and other anti-German activities; the surveillance of youth organizations in France, travel to and from France, and the French Red Cross and French Labor Service; security measures along the borders and coast of France; the security of communications in connection with the planned invasion of Scandinavian countries; the erection of German military bases in Slovakia and security measures therewith; internal security in Germany and in German armament factories; military security measures in connection with Exercise Rügen (participation of the German Armed Forces in the Spanish Civil War) and in connection with the construction of fortifications on the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey; proceedings against Germans and some foreigners before the National Court Martial (Reichskriegsgericht) and the Peoples Court (Volksgerichtshof); and other matters.

## (3) Propaganda Branch (Abteilung fuer Wehrmachtpropaganda).

Records, 1934-43, 61 6/12 linear feet, comprise correspondence, directives, reports, photographs, newspaper clippings and other documentary materials concerning the organization and functions of the Branch; enemy propaganda campaigns and German countermeasures; psychological warfare directed toward the German home front; service personnel and foreign nations; censorship; the preparation and dissemination of material designed to lift the morale of service personnel; the internal situation in various countries throughout the world; and other matters. Also included are (a) a number of propaganda studies, and (b) the records of propaganda units, comprising papers on assignments, employment, transfers, promotions and decorations of unit personnel.

## (4) Office of the Chief of Signal Communications (Chef der Wehrmachtverbindungen).

Records, 1940-45, 4/12 linear feet, contain data on troop movements in Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica; signal equipment stocks and needs; and the organization of the Radio Branch (Abteilung Funkwesen). Also included are telephone directories of the Armed Forces and Army High Commands.

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## Cipher Branch (Chiffrierabteilung).

Records, 1925-45, 7/12 linear foot, contain organizational charts of the Branch, reports of a number of intercept stations, a list of telephone and telegraph facilities in Slovakia, a report of the telephone and telegraph network in Denmark, instructions on the use of coded messages, and other papers.

## (5) Office of the Chief of Transportation (Chef des Transportwesens der Wehrmacht).

Records, 1939-40, 1/12 linear foot, contain data on armed forces railroad transportation in occupied France and in the Low Countries, shipping of armed forces supplies via railroads, the conduct of personnel on troop trains during extreme cold, and the utilization of railroads by armed forces personnel while on leave.

## b. General Office of the Armed Forces (Allgemeines Wehrmachtamt).

Records, 1923-April 1945, 1 linear foot, consist largely of pamphlets on such subjects as Germany's foreign policies, European Russia, the boundaries of Greater Germany, the military-geographical development of Germany in the period 1914-41, Germans and foreign nationals, the North Sea countries, geographical and political conditions in the Mediterranean countries, etc. Also included is information on the administrative duties of armed forces medical units and on prisoner of war camps.

## (1) Interior Branch (Abteilung Inland).

Records, 1919-43, 15 linear feet, consist of correspondence, reports and other papers concerning the defense of the armament industry and of transportation and port facilities against airborne invasion; the control of labor in the armament industry; quality control over weapons and equipment procured for the armed forces; experiences gained from military operations, especially on the Eastern Front; international developments affecting Germany and the German Armed Forces; combatting communist and other seditious elements in the armed forces; the training of reserves and of railway and postal guards; loyalty checks and security clearances for officers and high-ranking civilians; disciplinary measures against armed forces personnel and members of the Nazi Party for acts contrary to Nazi doctrine; air raid drills and related civil defense measures; and other matters.

## (2) Armed Forces Welfare and Pensions Branch (Wehrmachtfuersorge u. Versorgungsabteilung).

Records, 1926-45, 24 microfilm reels, contain correspondence, reports and other papers relating to welfare and pension benefits extended to veterans and their dependents. Also included are data on allowances for retired personnel recalled to active duty, qualifications for admission to the Potsdam Great Military Orphanage, rules governing the Berlin Home for Disabled Soldiers, and the settlement of

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claims arising out of the defeat of the German Army at Stalingrad. In addition, there are personal name files of employees of the Branch. The original records of the Branch were restituted to the Federal Republic of Germany.

(3) Office of the Inspector General of Prisoner of War Affairs (Inspekteur fuer das Kriegsgefangenenwesen).

Records, 1941-45, 6/12 linear foot, comprise correspondence, reports, directives and other papers on the employment, clothing, housing, feeding and classification of prisoners of war; the activities of international commissions and the American and Canadian Red Cross on their efforts to assist PW's; the rules governing inspections of PW camps by foreign commissions and individuals; the administration of Soviet PW's; the evaluation of PW correspondence for intelligence purposes; and other matters.

(4) Armed Forces Casualty Branch (Abteilung Wehrmachtverlustwesen).

Records, 1941-45, 3/12 linear foot, contain statistical reports, charts and tables showing German casualties in various campaigns, including both armed forces personnel and civilians.

Armed Forces Information Office for War Dead and Prisoners of War (Wehrmachtsauskunftsstelle fuer Kriegsverluste u. Kriegsgefangene/WAST).

Records, 1939-45, 1 3/12 linear feet, consist of correspondence on prisoners of war held by Germany and the Allied Powers, strength reports from PW camps in Germany, directives governing the administration of German PW camps, propaganda material disseminated by the Russians regarding the treatment of German PW's held in the USSR, directives on the care of graves of German servicemen and on the duties of graves registration officers, and other papers. The main body of WAST records (about 2000 tons) are held under French custody in the French Zone of Berlin.

(5) Armed Forces Administration Branch (Wehrmachtverwaltungsabteilung).

Records, 1938-45, 3/12 linear foot, contain data on the organization of the Branch, the activation of an Armed Forces Women's Auxiliary Corps, the settlement of various accounts in time of war, and other matters.

Office of the Armed Forces Intendant for Special Assignments (Wehrmachtintendant zur besonderen Verwendung).

Records, 1942-45, 1/12 linear foot, comprise correspondence and reports dealing with price adjustments for industrial products and accounting for supplies and services rendered to allied and friendly nations; and lists showing export taxes on various goods including raw materials and finished and semi-finished products.

c. Military Economics and Armament Office (Wehrwirtschafts-u. Ruestungsamt).

Among other functions, this Office was responsible for long-range military-economic planning, the exploitation of occupied areas, the reestablishment of industry and commerce in occupied areas, and the provisioning of German troops and of local civilian populations.

Records, 1931-45, 792 1/2 linear feet, consist of correspondence, studies and other papers on the agriculture, commerce, finance, foreign trade, geography, industry, mining, population, raw material, transportation, etc. of Germany and most of the other countries of the world, especially the Soviet Union and the German-occupied Eastern European areas. The records of the Office include materials on manpower controls for total war, Germany's needs for foreign labor, the administration of prisoners-of-war and their utilization in the German war economy, the effects of enemy air attacks on German industry, inland and coastal navigation, harbor and shipping facilities, the activities of the German and Italian Armistice Commissions in France and their relations with the Military Economics and Armament Office, the operations of Economic Staff Officers with German Army Commands, personnel and organizational matters of the Office's field offices, casualties and losses in manpower, weapons and equipment during World War II, and other subjects.

d. Conscription and Recruiting Office (Wehrersatzamt).

Records, 1938-45, 6/12 linear foot, comprise data relating to the 1945 Armed Forces Replacement Schedule (Wehrmachersatzplan), giving information derived from population surveys and reviews of the personnel situation in essential industries; the operation of recruiting offices; the coordination of personnel matters with Government and Party organizations; the employment of experts in agriculture in Italy and other occupied countries; and other subjects.

e. Armed Forces Central Office (Wehrmachtzentralamt).

Records, 1923-45, 1 linear foot, contain correspondence exchanged between OKW and Alfred Rosenberg regarding the search for art treasures and historical items in archives and libraries located in West European countries; reports and related papers concerning personnel matters (i.e., compulsory military service, commissions, appointments, transfers, dismissals, and reserve duty); a locator file for officers assigned to OKW; and other papers.

f. Office of the Armed Forces Judge Advocate General (Wehrmacht-rechtsabteilung).

Records, 1939-45, 20 linear feet, consist mostly of reports, sworn statements and copies of interrogations concerning mistreatment of German prisoners-of-war in American, British, French or Russian custody; the abuse of Belgian, Dutch and French civilians by Belgian, British and French troops; Polish atrocities against

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ethnic Germans in Poland; and cruel and atrocious interrogation methods. Also included are orders and directives governing the handling of PW's in German hands; Hitler decrees on combatting sedition and partisan warfare; regulations concerning booty and confiscation of property in occupied France; and the following studies: "Revisions of the Code of Military Justice after the Successful Conclusion of the War," "Violations of International Law by our Enemies during the Present War," and "The Competence of the Armed Forces Investigation Board to Investigate Violations of International Law."

g. Armed Forces Budget Branch (Wehrmachthaushaltsabteilung).

Records, 1945, 1/12 linear foot, consist of two identical copies of a partial schedule of accounts to be included in the 1945 war budget of OKW.

h. Office of the Chief of the Armed Forces Medical Service (Chef des Wehrmachtsanstaetswesens).

Records, 1939-45, 6/12 linear foot, comprise correspondence, reports, bulletins, circulars and other papers relating to armed forces medical facilities, the procurement of medical supplies, the administration of medical corps personnel, the testing of medical equipment, medical treatment of service personnel, medical care for prisoners-of-war, medical examination of inductees, physical fitness standards, and the identification of enemy medical personnel. Also included is a file on the coordination of medical services between the Allied forces in Germany and the German authorities immediately after the German surrender in 1945.

i. German Armistice Commission (Deutsche Waffenstillstandskommission).

Records, 1940-45, 12 linear feet, contain correspondence, reports and other papers pertaining to the activities of the Commission whose principal functions were to enforce the provisions of the German-French Armistice and to coordinate matters with the Italian Armistice Commission and the Vichy Government. Subjects dealt with in the records include the organization and functions of the German Armistice Commission; relations with the French authorities; the demobilization of the French armed forces; supervision over the French militia and French police; the organization and utilization of the French Labor Service and its eventual transfer into the Todt Organization; reorganization of the French Government; the maintenance of land and coastal fortifications; control over French naval vessels; the supervision of French radio networks; measures taken to counteract the French resistance movement; combatting black markets; and control over armaments manufacturers.

j. Armed Forces Historical Branch (Wehrmachtkriegsgeschichte).

Records, 1939-45, 6/12 linear foot, consist of manuscripts and other papers used in the preparation of World War II historical studies, including developments in German-occupied Balkan countries, the Tito movement, Mihailovic's

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activities in Serbia, the political situation in Greece, relations with Marshal Antonescu of Rumania, the invasion of Denmark and Norway, developments on the Allied invasion front in France, preparations for the campaign in Poland, and operations in Finland.

k. National Socialist Guidance Staff (Nationalsozialistischer Fuehrungstab der Wehrmacht).

Records, 1937-45, 3/12 linear foot, comprise directives, reports and messages on a number of subjects relating to the political indoctrination of service personnel. Also included are copies of political pamphlets issued for use by German soldiers; OKW orders on the treatment of Alsations and men from other German-occupied areas and on the processing of charges against deserters and other service personnel suspected of treason while in Allied captivity; and other papers.

l. Armed Forces Adjutant at Hitler's Headquarters (Adjutantur der Wehrmacht beim Fuehrer).

Records, 1938-45, 1 linear foot, consist of correspondence and other papers pertaining to Operation Gruen (invasion of Czechoslovakia), the welfare of dependents of deceased servicemen who had been awarded the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross, and miscellaneous matters such as the promotions, decorations and morale of the troop.

m. Central Finance Office for Armament Contracts (Wehrmachtzentral-kasse fuer Kriegslieferungen).

Records, 1944, 1/12 linear foot (1 document), contain the rules and regulations governing the operations of this Office in connection with the settlement of accounts for armament contracts awarded to commercial firms.

n. Office of the Armed Forces High Command Administrative Director (Ministerialbuerodirektor des OKW).

Records, 1939-44, 1/12 linear foot (3 documents), consist of the distribution list for publications to be issued to offices within OKW, and changes thereto, and an index of blank forms available for military printers.

o. General Headquarters Commandant (Kommandant des Fuehrerhaupt-quartiers).

Records, 1939-41, 2/12 linear foot, comprise three war journals with appendices containing chronological entries on the activities of Hitler's headquarters, particularly covering Hitler's visits to the front lines during the Polish and French campaigns.

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## p. Field Offices of the Wehrmacht Intendantur.

Records, 1939-45, 162 linear feet, consist predominantly (60%) of the files of the Wehrmacht Intendantur in Weimar, Germany, the remaining files being those of the Intendanturen in Amsterdam, Athens, Berlin, Belgrade, Bengasi, Bordeaux, Budapest, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Helsinki, La Rochelle, Naples, Prague, Przemyel, Rome, Salzburg, Scutari, Tripoli, Vienna and Warsaw. The records have to do largely with financial accountability for supplies and services rendered by the German Armed Forces to Germany's military allies and with the pay status of prisoners-of-war returned to Germany by the Allies. The records constitute itemized bills, daily supply reports, telegraphic reports on the arrival of supplies at depots and distribution centers, reports of incarceration and similar documents needed to compute pay, issue slips, requisitions, vouchers, receipts, signed or finger-printed payrolls, etc. There are also some personal name files of individuals employed in these field offices.

The OKW records also include the following materials not identifiable with any particular office:

1. Documents dealing with the capitulation of the German Armed Forces to the Allies, April-September 1945, 13 6/12 linear feet. Among these documents are data on the organizational breakdown of the Allied Control Commission, including the Russian Control Commission; the division of Germany into four occupied zones, including Operation Eclipse which dealt with the establishment and administration of the British zone; the German conduct of the war; a comparison of German peace terms with France; the organization and functions of the interim German Government; and casualties of the German Armed Forces during World War II.

2. Collection of 35mm photographic negatives, 1939-45, 105 linear feet, representing the work of German Army, Air Force and Navy photographers and covering a wide variety of subjects, including combat activities on all fronts.

3. Files of OKW Administrative and Supply Officials (Kriegsverwaltungsbeamte) comprise:

a. Personal name files of these officials, 1914-45, 18 microfilm reels. The original records were returned to the Federal Republic of Germany.

b. About 3500 3x5 cards (1 6/12 linear feet), containing the names of officials, their addresses, place and date of birth, military rank or title, civilian occupation or profession, where employed, and other information.

4. Order of Battle data, 1939-45, 36 linear feet, covering operational, service and administrative units on all levels.

See also Record Group Summary Nr 1027, Records of Headquarters of the German Army High Command; Record Group Summary Nr 1028, Records of Headquarters of the German Air Force High Command; and Record Group Summary Nr 1029, Records of Headquarters of the German Navy High Command.

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1862 - 1945

Under the supervision of the German Armed Forces High Command (OKW), the German Army High Command directed the overall planning and operations of the German Army.

The head of the Army High Command was the Commander-in-Chief of the Army (Oberbefehlshaber des Heeres). Commanders-in-Chief during the World War II period were General (later Field Marshal) Walther von Brauchitsch, 1938-41; and Adolf Hitler, 1941-45. The chief deputy to the Commander-in-Chief was the Chief of the Army General Staff (Chef des Generalstabs des Heeres). Chiefs of Staff during World War II were General Franz Halder, 1938-42; General Kurt Zeitzler, 1942-44; and General Heinz Guderian, 1944-45.

Records. -- The OKH records, covering the period 1862-1945 (2186 linear feet and 1436 microfilm reels), consist of the records of the following OKH organizational elements:

Office of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army (Oberbefehlshaber des Heeres) (H24), 1921-40, 7 linear feet.

a. Office of the Chief of the Army General Staff (Chef des Generalstabs des Heeres) (H25), 1937-45, 4 linear feet.

(1) Central Branch (Zentral Abteilung) (H23), 1929-45, 30 linear feet.

(2) Operations Branch (Operations Abteilung) (H22), 1939-45, 67 linear feet.

(3) Organization Branch (Organisations Abteilung) (H1), 1920-45, 218 linear feet. The largest part of the records of this Branch constitute order of battle data cards covering operational units on all levels.

(4) Foreign Armies West Branch (Abteilung Fremde Heere West) (H2), 1918-45, 27 linear feet.

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(5) Foreign Armies East Branch (Abteilung Fremde Heere Ost) (H3), 1938-45, with some records for the period 1917-37, 114 linear feet.

(6) Training Branch (Ausbildungs Abteilung) (H26), 1939-45, principally, but also 1933-38, 2 4/12 linear feet.

(7) Office of the Chief Army Signal Officer (Chef des Heeresnachrichtenwesens) (H28), 1939-45, 2 linear feet.

(8) Office of the Chief of Transportation (Chef des Transportwesens) (H12), 1934-45, with a few records for the period 1896-1933, 71 linear feet.

Office of the General of Railroad Troops (General der Eisenbahntrouppen) (H14), 1938-45, with some records for the period 1883-1937, 164 linear feet.

(9) War Academy (Kriegs Akademie) (H35), 1932-45, with some records for the years 1894-1930, 11 linear feet.

(10) Mapping and Survey Branch (Abteilung fuer Kriegskarten u. Vermessungswesens) (H29). The records of this Branch, 1936-44, with some records for the period 1928-35, 203 linear feet (mostly duplication), constitute geographical and topographical studies covering the agriculture, climate, commerce, forestry, industry, population, transportation and allied matters for countries largely in Europe, Asia and Africa. For a detailed description of the studies, see Departmental Records Branch, Inventory of the Records of the Mapping and Survey Office of the German Army High Command, November 1948, 11 and 25 pp.

(11) Attaché Branch (Attaché Abteilung) (H27), 1930-44, 8 linear feet.

(12) Office of the Quartermaster General (Generalquartiermeister) (H17), 1938-45, 14 linear feet.

(13) Office of the Chief Infantry Officer (General der Infanterie) (H19), 1931-45, 15 linear feet.

(14) Office of the Chief Artillery Officer (General der Artillerie) (H31), 1941-44, 2/12 linear foot.

Office of the Chief Antiaircraft Artillery Officer (General der Heeres-Flaktruppen) (H44), 1944-45, 1/12 linear foot.

(15) Office of the Chief Engineer and Fortifications Officer (General der Pioniere u. Festungen) (H21), 1934-45, principally, with some documents for the period 1924-33, 47 linear feet.

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(16) Office of the Chief Chemical Warfare Officer (General der Nebeltruppen) (H32), 1940-43, 3/12 linear foot.

(17) Office of the Chief of Volunteer Units (General der Freiwilligenverbände) (H33), 1943-45, 2/12 linear foot.

b. Office of the Chief of Army Equipment and Commander of the Replacement Army (Chef der Heeresrüstung u. Befehlshaber des Ersatzheeres) (H36), 1936-45, 95 linear feet. The records of this Office consist predominantly of record sheets (Stammtafeln) covering operational units on all levels and showing date of their activation and names of formations to which the units belonged.

(1) General Army Directorate (Allgemeines Heeresamt) (H37), 1934-45, 30 linear feet.

(a) Office of the Chief Army Medical Inspector (Heeres-sanitätsinspekteur) (H20), 1938-45, with a few records for the years 1916-37, 154 linear feet.

(b) Ordnance Stores Inspectorate (Feldzeuginspektion) (H18), 1939-45, 31 microfilm reels. The original records, constituting personal name files of officers of the Inspectorate, were returned to the Federal Republic of Germany.

(c) Inspectorate of Fortifications (Inspekteur der Festungen) (H49), 1939, 1944, 4/12 linear foot.

(d) Office of the Judge Advocate General (Chef der Heeresjustiz) (H45), 1941-45, 4/12 linear foot.

(e) Office of the Ordnance Inspector (Heeresfeldzeugmeister) (H47), 1939-42, 8/12 linear foot.

(f) Unit Deactivation Staff (Abwicklungsstab) (H41), 1942-45, 7 6/12 linear feet.

(g) Railroad Engineers Branch (Eisenbahnpioniere Abteilung) (Old H20), 1916-18, 1939-45, 19 linear feet.

(2) Army Administration Office (Heeresverwaltungsamt) (H38), 1935-44, 8/12 linear foot.

(3) Army Ordnance Office (Heereswaffenamt) (H15), 1925-45, 490 linear feet.

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Weapons Testing Office (Waffenprüfungsamt) (H50): Records, 1940-45, 5/12 linear foot, consist of lists of titles of British Army manuals and a pamphlet containing technical data on weapons, ammunition, fuses and powder.

(4) Office of the Chief of Training in the Replacement Army (Chef des Ausbildungswezens im Ersatzheer) (H39), 1943-44, 4/12 linear foot.

(a) Office of the Inspector of Artillery (Inspekteur der Artillerie) (H51): Records consist solely of a report, dated 1937, on experiences gained during artillery maneuvers in 1936.

(b) Office of the Inspector of Engineers and Railroad Engineers (Inspekteur der Pioniere u. Eisenbahnpioniere) (H52): Records consist of a pamphlet, dated 1938, containing instructions for the operation of cranes used to repair and build bridges.

(5) Office of the Inspector General for Potential Officers and NCO's (Generalinspekteur fuer den Fuehrernachwuchs des Heeres).

Cadet Schools Branch (Abteilung Kriegsschulen) (H48): Records, 1937, October 1941-June 1944, 2/12 linear foot, consist of service regulations for military schools and instructional materials.

c. Office of the General for Special Employment (General zur besonderen Verwendung) (H34), 1940-45, 7/12 linear foot.

d. Office of the Inspector General of Armored Troops (Generalinspekteur der Panzertruppen) (H16), 1939-45, mainly, but also 1933-37, 35 linear feet.

e. Army Personnel Office (Heerespersonalamt) (H4-H11), 1914-45, 178 3/12 linear feet and 1405 microfilm reels. The originals of the materials on microfilm, constituting the personal name files for about 70,000 former German Army officers, have been restituted to the Federal Republic of Germany.

f. Office of the Fuehrer's Official Military Historian (Beauftragte des Fuehrers fuer die militaerische Geschichtsschreibung) (H43), 1939-40, 2/12 linear foot.

(1) Historical Branch (Kriegsgeschichtliche Abteilung) (H53), 1944-45, 1 6/12 linear feet.

(2) Office of the Chief of Army Archives (Chef der Heeresarchiv) (H40), 1933-45, with some records for the years 1862-1932, 30 linear feet.

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g. Office of the Chief, Nazi Guidance for the Army (Chef des NS Fuehrungsstabes des Heeres) (H42), 1944, 1/12 linear foot.

The OKH records also include a collection of Russian railroad data, 130 linear feet, and a group of uncataloged documents, 7 linear feet.

See also the following Record Group Summaries (RGS):

RGS Nr 1026, Records of Headquarters of the German Armed Forces High Command

RGS Nr 1030, Records of German Army Field Commands

RGS Nr 1010, Records of the Office of the Reich Leader of the "SS" and Chief of the German Police, describing records of the "Waffen SS"

RGS Nr 1031, Records of German Army Areas (Wehrkreise)

RGS Nr 1045, Map Collection, describing German Army situation maps

RGS Nr 1032, Collection of German Army, Air Force, Navy and "SS" Field and Technical Manuals

For a description of miscellaneous portions of OKH records held by the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents (Montgomery, Ala., 7, December 1952, 90 p.

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Record Group Summary Nr. 1028

RECORDS OF HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
GERMAN AIR FORCE HIGH COMMAND  
(Oberkommando der Luftwaffe/OKL)  
1927 - 1945

The German Air Force High Command was established in March 1935 to direct the overall planning and operations of the German Air Force. That Command became a component of the German Armed Forces High Command when the latter organization was set up in 1938.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force (Oberbefehlshaber der Luftwaffe) was the head of the Air Force High Command. Hermann Goering, who also served as Reichs Air Minister, was Commander-in-Chief from the beginning, except for the last month of the war, when General Ritter von Greim replaced him. The first Chief of the Air General Staff (Chef des Generalstabes) was Major General Karl Wever who died in a plane crash in 1936. He was succeeded by Major General Albert Kesselring who was replaced in 1937 by Lieutenant General Hans-Juergen Stumpff. Stumpff in turn was followed by General Hans Jeschonnek who served from 1939 to 1943. Following Jeschonnek, the Chiefs of Staff were Generals Guenther Korten (November 1943-August 1944) and Karl Krollner (October 1944-May 1945).

Records. -- The OKL records, covering the period 1927-45 (355 linear feet and 132 microfilm reels), comprise records of the following organizational elements:

Office of the Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force (Oberbefehlshaber der Luftwaffe), 1939-40, 1942-43 (4 documents).

a. Chief of the Air General Staff (Chef des Generalstabes), 1940-42, 1945 (5 documents).

(1) Air Force Operations Staff (Luftwaffen Fuehrungsstab): Records, 1941, 1943-45 (28 documents), consist in the main of bimonthly reports on the German air defense system. Also included is the Staff's war journal, 1943-45.

(a) Operational Branch (1. Abteilung), 1938-39, 1943-44 (4 documents).

(b) Tactics Branch (3. Abteilung), 1937-39 (5 documents).

Training Section (Ausbildungs Abteilung): Records, 1942, 1945 (3 documents), consist of training plans for pilots, observers, bombardiers, navigators, etc; a training manual on collaboration between the German Air Force and German ground troops; and a study on chemical warfare agents.

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(c) Intelligence Branch (5. Abteilung), 1938, 1940-42 (19 documents).

1. Intelligence Section (Ic): Records, 1933-45 (about 2400 documents), comprise predominantly air photographic materials of strategic installations located in nearly all the countries of Europe and in parts of Africa and the Near East.

2. Foreign Air Forces West Section (Fremde Luftwaffen West), 1938-45 (77 documents).

3. Foreign Air Forces East Section (Fremde Luftwaffen Ost), 1936-45 (284 documents).

4. Eastern Intelligence Evaluation Section (Auswertestelle Ost), 1943-45 (10 documents).

5. Photo Section (Bildstelle): Records, 1939-45 (31 linear feet), comprise in largest part pilot tracings. Also included are aerial photographs of strategic installations in Belgium, England, Luxembourg, Russia and North Africa.

6. Cryptographic Section (Chiffrierstelle), 1941-45 (4 documents).

7. Welfare & Morale (Wehrbetreuung): Records, 1939-41 (5 documents), consist solely of manuals on military morale.

(d) Mapping Branch (7. Abteilung): Records, 1940-44 (37 documents) comprise almost entirely geographical studies (Luftgeographische Beschreibung) covering areas in Europe, Africa and the Near and Middle East.

Air Attache Section (Luftattache): Records consist of a report, dated 1938, on Russian gliders.

(e) Historical Branch (8. Abteilung): Records comprise a German Air Force manual, dated 1 June 1944, on "How We Fight"; and a study, dated October 1944, containing military historical sketches.

(2) Planning Office (Planungsamt), 1942-43, March 1945 (11 documents).

(3) Quartermaster General's Office (Generalquartiermeister), 1941-43 (6 documents).

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(a) Office of the Director of Air Force Supplies (Chef des Nachschubwesens d. L.): Records consist of a manual, dated April 1944, concerning the use of Air Ministry equipment depots for flying equipment.

(b) Personnel and Organization Branch (2. Abteilung): Records, 1934-38 (2 documents) contain data on the organization of the Luftwaffe and the establishment of air force service commands and flak units.

(c) Armament Branch (6. Abteilung): Records, 1940-45 (6 linear inches), consist of statistics on German aircraft losses, munitions reports, casualty reports, and correspondence with the Japanese Government on the delivery of supplies and other matters.

Air Booty Section (Luftwaffenbeute): Records, 1941-42 (2 documents), contain data on the reorganization of the Section and on captured Russian matériel.

(4) Office of the General for Reconnaissance (General der Aufklärungsflyer): Records, 1943-44 (1 document), comprise data on various aspects of ground camouflage to prevent observation from the air.

(5) Office of the General for Fighters (General der Jagdflieger): Records consist of a report, dated 19 February 1943, on the Russian fighter plane JAK-7-B and on English air force weapons.

(6) Office of the General for Antiaircraft Artillery (General der Flakwaffe), 1938-40, 1943 (6 documents).

(7) Office of the General for Training (General der Fliegerausbildung).

(a) Air War Academy (Luftkriegsakademie): Records consist of a lecture given on 17 December 1937 about aerial warfare and a training exercise, dated 22 November 1937, dealing with the battle near Friedland in June 1807 and the battle near Tannenberg in August 1914.

(b) Air Technical Academy (Lufttechnische Akademie), 1927-37 (3 documents).

b. Office of the Director of the Air Force Medical Service (Chef des Sanitätswesens der Luftwaffe): Records comprise a medical report for the GAF for the period 1 October 1937-30 September 1938 and a manual, dated 17 November 1943, concerning the GAF medical service.

c. Office of the Director of Air Force Signal Communications (Generalsnachrichtenfuhrer d. L.), 1936, 1941, 1945 (3 documents).

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- d. Office of the Director of Technical Armaments (Chef der Technischen Luftrüstung), 1939-45 (86 documents).
- (1) Air Proving Grounds (Erprobungsstellen), 1944 (4 documents).
  - (2) Technical Office (Technisches Amt), 1935, 1943-44 (19 documents).
  - (3) Armament Office (Waffenwesen): Records, September 1941-March 1942 (1 document), consist of technical data on GAF firearms and munitions.
- e. Director for Air Matters (Chef d. Luftfahrt).
- Air Force Administrative Office (Luftwaffenverwaltungsamt), 1942-45 (3 documents).
- f. Research Office (Forschungsamt), 1942, 1944 (3 documents).
- Academy for Aeronautical Research (Deutsche Akademie der Luftfahrtforschung): Records, 1928-44 (6 linear feet), consist entirely of publications on a variety of technical subjects.
- g. Office of the Director of Manpower and National Socialist Leadership (Chef d. Personellen Ruestung u. Nat. Soz. Fuehrung d. Luftwaffe).
- (1) Personnel Office (Lw. Personalamt): Records, 1939-45 (6 linear feet and 132 microfilm reels), constitute pay books, efficiency reports, flying logs and similar personnel records; casualty reports submitted by Air Force units on several fronts; lists of Air Force personnel held as POW's by the United States and Great Britain; and reproductions of personal name files of German Air Force officials (Luftwaffen Beamten), the originals of which files were returned to the Federal Republic of Germany.
  - (2) Non-Commissioned Personnel Office (Luftwaffenwehramt): Records, September-January 1945 (3 linear inches), comprise correspondence relative to inquiries of relatives concerning whereabouts of female personnel in the German Air Force.
  - (3) Office of the Director for Awards and Disciplinary matters (Chef fuer Auszeichnungen u. Disziplinarsachen): Records, 1940-44 (5 linear feet), consist of reports from German anti-aircraft units concerning the shooting down of enemy aircraft (principally American but also British planes).

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The OKL records also include:

1. Records of the following missions and commissions:
  - a. Luftwaffen-Kontrol-Kommission V, January-April 1942 (1 document).
  - b. General d. Deutschen Luftwaffe beim Oberkommando der Kgl. Ital. Luftwaffe, 1942-44 (2 documents).
  - c. General d. Deutschen Luftwaffe in Mittel Italien, 1942-45 (1 document).
  - d. Verbindungsstab z. K. Ital.-Luftwaffe u. d. Deutschen Verbindungsstelle z. C.A.I., 1940-41 (1 document).
2. Records of German Air Force operational organizations (i.e. Luftflotten-Kommandos 1 through 6), corps, divisions, regiments and lower units, 1938-45 (201 documents), comprising war journals, situation and activity reports, manuals, administrative data and other papers.
3. Records of prisoner-of-war camps maintained by the German Air Force, 1942 (2 documents).
4. Order of battle data cards (9 linear feet) covering the Russian Air Force.
5. Group of uncataloged Luftwaffe documents (36 linear feet).

See also the following Record Group Summaries (RGS):

- RGS Nr 1026, Records of Headquarters of the German Armed Forces High Command
- RGS Nr 1005, Records of the Reich Air Ministry
- RGS Nr 1033, Records of German Air Force Administrative Commands
- RGS Nr 1060, The Von Rohden Collection, describing German Air Force documents collected for historical research purposes
- RGS Nr 1032, Collection of German Army, Air Force, Navy and SS Field and Technical Manuals

See Headquarters, Air Material Command, "Desk Catalog of German and Japanese Air-Technical Documents," Dayton, Ohio, 1946-48, 6 vols., for the OKL records found among 55,000 German air technical documents in the custody of the Documents Service Center, Armed Services Technical Information Agency (ASTIA), Knott Building, Dayton 2, Ohio.

For a description of pertinent records in the custody of the Library of Congress, including the Hermann Goering Photograph Collection, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, /Montgomery, Ala./, December 1952, 90p.

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The British Air Ministry has recently restituted to the Federal Republic of Germany the personal name files for about 40,000 former German Air Force officers. The Ministry has made reproductions of the files of the highest-ranking officers only.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1029

RECORDS OF HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
GERMAN NAVY HIGH COMMAND  
(Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine/OKM)  
1891 - 1945

The German Navy, which had been restricted to a minimum number of small vessels under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, was proclaimed one of the three major components of the Wehrmacht by the National Defense Act of 21 May 1935. Its previous designation of Reich Navy (Reichsmarine) was changed to War Navy (Kriegsmarine), and the former Chief of Naval Operations (Chef der Marineleitung) assumed the title of Commander-in-Chief of the War Navy (Oberbefehlshaber der Kriegsmarine).

Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, who had been Chief of Naval Operations since 1928 and Commander-in-Chief of the Navy since 1935, was removed in January 1943. Karl Doenitz was appointed the next Commander-in-Chief. He was destined to become the last head-of-state of Nazi Germany after Hitler's death in April 1945.

The German Navy High Command, with headquarters in Berlin, comprised the following main organizational elements:

Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Stab, Oberbefehlshaber der Kriegsmarine)

Naval Operations Office (Seekriegsleitung)  
Navy Personnel Office (Marinepersonalamt)  
Quartermaster Office (Admiral-Quartiermeisteramt)  
Naval Armament Office (Marine-Ruestungsamt)  
Military Office (Marine-Wehr) consisting of:  
Naval Administration (Marineverwaltungsamt)  
Naval Medical Services (Marinemedizinalamt)  
Legal Affairs (Marinerechtsabteilung)  
Naval Budget (Marinehaushaltsabteilung)  
Naval Service Matters (Marinetruppenamt)

Records.--The records of the German Navy High Command in the custody of the Branch are fragmentary in nature. Comprising about fifteen linear feet of materials for the period 1891-1945, they consist of:

(1) War Journal of Admiral Doenitz's office, 21 April-1 May 1945; War Journal of Seekriegsleitung, Abteilung 1, 1-30 April 1944; mobilization plan for the German Navy; file of the Provisional German Government at Flensburg containing papers relative to the surrender of Germany; copies of documents pertaining to Doenitz's appointment as Head of State; papers on the preparations for the attack on Poland (i.e. Fall Weiss); copies of Hitler

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directives on the general conduct of the war; OKM contracts awarded to private firms for various types of machinery and war materiel; OKM directives on metal allocations and on deciphering Soviet operational maps; intelligence data on enemy naval bases, merchant marine of various countries, and foreign navies; evaluations of intelligence information on foreign military and commercial shipping; periodic reports on operations of the German and enemy navies, on enemy shipping and ship-building, and on enemy convoys; instructional materials on aircraft recognition, naval surveying, and training of naval signal personnel; correspondence relating to coastal defenses of Northern France; technical data on various types of German naval signal equipment, torpedoes, diving equipment and other naval materiel; routine administrative orders of the Deutsches Marinekommando Italien; and German naval manuals on a variety of subjects. Also included are: a report on United States employment of special submarines for landing operations, a handbook dealing with the northern coast of Russia, and an atlas showing periodic ice formation conditions in the coastal waters of Russia and Finland. 1936-1945, 12 linear feet.

(2) Materials pertaining to the Helgoland Fortress, 1891-1943, 3 linear feet, as follows: Construction logs (Baujournal), giving monthly accounts of fortification projects on the Island of Helgoland, 1891-1914; War Journal of Fortifikation Helgoland, 2 August 1914-4 March 1919; reports, photographs, and other papers relating to the destruction of the fortifications on the Island after the end of World War I, as ordered by the Inter-Allied Control Commission; various drawings and sketches of fortifications; charts and drawings of underground living quarters, water supply, kitchens, etc.; navigation maps of waters surrounding the Island; estimates, specifications and other papers pertaining to a system for chemically distilling pure water from the sea; and plans for the construction of pillboxes and gun emplacements.

See also Record Group Summary Nr 1026, Records of Headquarters of the German Armed Forces High Command; and Record Group Summary Nr 1032, Collection of German Army, Air Force, Navy and SS Field and Technical Manuals.

The British Admiralty has a large quantity of the records of the German Navy High Command (known as the Tambach Collection). Reproductions or extra copies of these records are in the custody of the Naval History Division, Chief of Naval Operations, United States Department of the Navy.

For German naval records held by the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Ala.], December 1952, 90 p.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1030

RECORDS OF GERMAN FIELD COMMANDS  
1936-1945

The records of Field Commands contain the documents of German military units operating in the field, comprising army groups, armies, corps, divisions, rear area and special components, and organizations responsible for the control of occupied areas.

The Branch has some records for the following elements:

Army Group A through H, Don, Mitte, Nord, Oberrhein, Sued, and Weichsel (i. e., fourteen army groups).

Armies 1 through 25 (except 13, 22, 23, and 24), Fallschirm, Ligurien, Panzer 1 through 5, and Panzer Afrika (i. e., twenty-nine armies).

Corps I through XC (except LXXIII, LXXVII, LXXIX, and LXXXIII), Afrika, Hohne, Kavalerie, Lombardia, Scheele, Schneckenberger, and the following temporary commands designated as "Armee Abteilungen", each of which consisted of two or more corps: A, Pratter-Ficker, Kampf, Lanz, Norwa (Grasserkleffer), and von Zangen (i. e., ninety-six corps).

372 divisions, mostly infantry, but including air force, armored, field training, mountain, parachute, reserve, security, ski, special employment, and the following name divisions: Brandenburg, von Erich, Dormagen, Feldherrnhalle, 1st Kossacken, K. Ost Agais, Grossdeutschland, Hermann Goering, Holstein, Manteuffel, 99th Afrika, Norwegen, Panzer Lehr, Rossi, Slowakei, Sturm Rhodes, Volks-Grenadier Demewitz, and Zweite Marine.

Nine regiments, nine battalions, and six companies.

Rear area components consisting of two types: (1) Communications and Security Zone (Kommandeur, Ruckwaertiges Arnee Gebiet/KORUECK), and (2) Occupied Zone (Heeresgebiet).

Units administering occupied areas, consisting of:

1. Military Commander in Africa (Militaerbefehlshaber in Afrika)
2. Military Commander in Belgium and Northern France (Militaerbefehlshaber in Belgien u. Nord-Frankreich)
3. Military Mission to Bulgaria (Deutsche Militaermission in Bulgarien)
4. Commanding General in Croatia (Bevollmaechtigter General in Kroatien)
5. Military Commander in the Danzig-West Prussia Area (Militaerbefehlshaber Danzig-Westpreussen)
6. Commander of the German Troops in Denmark (Befehlshaber der deutschen Truppen in Daenemark)

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7. Armed Forces Administration Officer in Finland  
(Wehrmachtintendant in Finnland)
8. Military Commander in France (Militärbefehlshaber in Frankreich)
9. Commanding General of the German Armed Forces in Hungary  
(Bevollmächtigter General der deutschen Wehrmacht in Ungarn)
10. Chief of Civil Administration in Luxemburg (Chef der Zivilverwaltung in Luxemburg)
11. Commander-in-Chief in Norway (Wehrmachtbefehlshaber in Norwegen)
12. Military Commander in Poland (Militärbefehlshaber Polen)
13. Military Mission to Rumania (Deutsche Heeresmission Rumänien)
14. Commander of the German Troops in Russian Occupied Territory (Befehlshaber der deutschen Truppen fuer Odessa, Strasse Kertsch, Krim, u. Weissruthenien)
15. Military Commander in the Southeast (Militärbefehlshaber Suedost)
16. Military Commander in Southeast Europe (Kommandierender General in Serbien, Sued-Griechenland, u. Saloniki-Aegaeis)

Records. -- Records of the Field Commands, covering the period 1936-45 (about 4787 linear feet), consist entirely of war diaries and allied papers.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1031

RECORDS OF GERMAN ARMY AREAS  
(Wehrkreise)  
1880-1945

The Wehrkreis constituted the basic military subdivision of Germany, the system being expanded later to cover Austria. The Wehrkreis resembled the pre-war United States Corps Area, but, unlike the Corps Area, the Wehrkreis had the additional functions of administering conscription and furnishing replacements to specific units (corps and divisions) whose home station was located in the Wehrkreis.

The boundaries of the Wehrkreise, of which there were twenty-one in all, were set by the Interior Group (Inland) of the Armed Forces High Command (OKW).

Records. -- The Branch has some records for nearly all of the twenty-one Wehrkreise, covering the period 1880-1945 (1110 linear feet and 219 microfilm reels). The bulk of the records fall within the period prior to World War II. A great many of the records deal with maneuvers and the activation and deactivation of units. There are records for each of the following Wehrkreise:

Wehrkreis I, with headquarters at Koenigsberg (8/12 linear foot of records)  
Wehrkreis II, Stettin (7/12 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis III, Berlin (1 6/12 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis IV, Dresden (6 7/12 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis V, Stuttgart (9 2/12 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis VI, Muenster: Records (30 2/12 linear foot) consist mostly of casualty reports. Also included are personal name files for 414 officer candidates.  
Wehrkreis VII, Munich (431 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis VIII, Breslau (3/12 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis IX, Kassel (15 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis X, Hamburg (3 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis XI, Hannover (1 linear foot)  
Wehrkreis XII, Wiesbaden: Records (112 linear feet and 219 microfilm reels) consist of medical reports; personal name files of enlisted men; microfilm reproductions of personal name files of former German Army officers stationed in Wehrkreis XII, the originals of which files have been restituted to the Federal Republic of Germany; German Army draft rosters (Wehrstammrollen); and other documents.

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Wehrkreis XIII, Murnberg (400 linear feet)  
 Wehrkreis XVII, Vienna: Records (76 linear feet) include personal name files of former Austrian Army officers.  
 Wehrkreis XVIII, Salzburg (3 2/12 linear feet)  
 Wehrkreis XX, Danzig (2 2/12 linear feet)  
 Wehrkreis XXI, Posen (1 document)

There are also 18 linear feet of card files of Russian and Italian POW's held in German custody. These files are unidentifiable with any particular Wehrkreis.

For Wehrkreise materials held by the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Ala.], December 1952, 90p.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1032

COLLECTION OF GERMAN ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY, SS  
 FIELD AND TECHNICAL MANUALS  
 1910 - 1945

This collection (about 266 linear feet) comprises for the most part German Army and Air Force manuals. There are also manuals of the German Navy, SS, Waffen SS and the Reich Labor Service (Reichsarbeitsdienst). The collection contains the following types of manuals:

Standard Army Field Manuals (Planmaessige Heeres  
 Druckvorschriften/H. Dv.)  
 Secret Army Field Manuals (Geheime Heeres Druckvorschriften/H.Dv.g.)  
 Army Pamphlets (Merkblaetter (Heer)/Mkbl.)  
 Secret Army Pamphlets (Geheime Merkblaetter (Heer)/Mkbl. geh.)  
 Army Technical Manuals (Ausserplanmaessige Heeresvorschriften/D)  
 Secret Army Technical Manuals (Geheime D-Vorschriften)  
 Air Force Field Manuals (Luftwaffen Druckvorschriften/L. Dv.)  
 Secret Air Force Field Manuals (Geheime Luftwaffen Druck-  
 vorschriften/L. Dv. g.)  
 Air Force Technical Manuals (Druckvorschriften (Luft)/D (Luft))  
 Secret Air Force Technical Manuals (Geheime Druckvorschriften  
 (Luft)/D (Luft g.)  
 Air Force Training Manuals (Druckvorschrift-Lehrmitteln/D. Lm.)  
 Air Force Temporary Maintenance and Repair Manuals (Werkschriften)  
 Air Force Technical Training Pamphlets ((Technische) Lehrblaetter)  
 Air Force Pamphlets (Merkblaetter (Luftwaffe))  
 Secret Air Force Pamphlets (Geheime Merkblaetter (Luftwaffe))  
 Navy Service Manuals (Marine Dienstvorschriften/M. Dv.)  
 Secret Navy Service Manuals (Geheime Marine Dienstvorschriften/M.Dv.g.)  
 Reich Labor Service Manuals (Reichsarbeitsdienst Dienst-  
 vorschriften/RAD Dv.)  
 SS Service Manuals (SS Dienstvorschriften)  
 Secret Waffen SS Service Manuals (Geheime Waffen-SS Dienst-  
 vorschriften/Dv.-W-SS g.)  
 Police Service Manuals (Polizei Dienstvorschriften/P.D.V.)

These manuals contain administrative, operational, training and maintenance regulations and instructions of the pertinent service or organization.

Also in the collection are peace-time and wartime tables of organization and equipment (Friedensstaerkenachweisungen, Kriegstaerkenachweisungen, Friedensausruestungsnachweisungen, Kriegsausruestungsnachweisungen) for units of the German Army and Air Force and the Wehrmacht.

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RECORDS OF GERMAN AIR FORCE COMMANDS  
(Luftgaukommandos)  
1937 - 1945

Germany and the territories incorporated or occupied by it were divided into Air Force Commands or Luftgaukommandos for administrative purposes largely but also to some extent for operational purposes. The Luftgaukommandos were responsible for the recruitment and training of air force personnel within their areas; the administration, maintenance and furnishing of supplies to all flying units; the operation of air force signal units; and defense against air attacks.

The following Luftgaukommandos were set up in Germany, with indication given as to the location of their headquarters: I - Koenigsberg, III - Berlin, V - Stuttgart, VI - Muenster, VII - Munich, VIII - Breslau, XI - Hamburg, XIV (formerly XII and XIII) - Wiesbaden, and XVII - Vienna. Luftgaukommandos established outside Greater Germany were identified by the country in which they were located (e.g. Luftgau Denmark, Luftgau Norway, etc.).

Records. -- The Luftgaukommandos records, 1937-45 (416 linear feet), contain the following series:

1. Personnel name files of German Air Force officials (Luftwaffenbeamte), 115 linear feet.
2. Reports covering American, principally, but also British airmen held as POW's, 200 linear feet.
3. Records of German antiaircraft units (usually Flak regiments) consisting largely of reports on the shooting down of American, British and Russian aircraft, 24 linear feet.
4. Materials pertaining to the administration, personnel, supply and maintenance of flying units, 77 linear feet. Some tactical reports are included.

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RECORDS OF  
THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST GERMAN LABOR PARTY  
(Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei/NSDAP)  
1915 - 1945

In January 1919, Karl Harrer and Anton Drexler established in Munich the German Worker's Party (Deutsche Arbeiter Partei). Adolf Hitler joined this Party on 19 September 1919 as Party Member No. 7. Gradually he secured complete control of the Party, altered its program, and became its head. In 1921, he gave the Party its new name, the National Socialist German Labor Party.

In its domestic policy the Party offered vigorous resistance to the Weimar Republic, calling for a strong central authority. In its foreign policy the Party demanded that Germany be given "a place in the sun." Constant preaching of these and other ideas won many converts to the Party, and by 1932, when the depression was at its height, Hitler had no difficulty in winning over many of the seven million unemployed who were baited with the promise of "work and bread." Almost overnight the Nazi Party became the strongest political party in the country. On 30 January 1933, Hitler was appointed Reich Chancellor. Soon thereafter the Nazis outlawed all other political parties and dissolved the Reichstag. After President Paul von Hindenburg died, the offices of President and Reich Chancellor were combined in the person of Hitler who ruled Germany as absolute dictator until his death in April 1945.

Once the Nazi Party took over control of the government, it then set about maintaining this control through educating the German people in the Nazi ideology and welding the German nation into one harmonious Nazi whole. In furtherance of this objective, Hitler and his associates expanded the Party into an elaborate organization. The integral parts of this organization are shown below in the description of the Nazi Party records in the custody of the Branch. Hitler, of course, was the head (Fuehrer) of the Party.

Records. — The NSDAP records, 1915-45 (1812 feet, 48 reels), comprise the holdings not only of the Party *per se* but also of affiliated (angeschlossene) and supervised (betrouete) organizations, although whether affiliated or supervised, all organizations came under the strict control of the Party. The Branch has some records for the following offices and organizations of the Party.

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## 1. Fuhrer's Chancellery (Kanzlei d. Fuehrers) (EAP 250-a)

The records of the Chancellery (about 5 linear feet) consist of correspondence, regulations, reports, personnel files, and pamphlets.

## 2. Office of the Fuhrer's Deputy (Stellvertreter d. Fuehrers)

## a. Office for Racial Policy Matters (Rassenpolitisches Amt) (EAP 250-d-12)

This office dealt with racial policy and population measures. The records of the office (9 documents) comprise correspondence, studies, reports, and newspaper clippings.

## (1) Reich League of Large Families (Reichsbund der Kinderreichen) (EAP 253-a)

The purpose of the League, which was supervised by the Rassenpolitisches Amt, was to emphasize the importance of increasing the birth rate of the pure Germanic stock. The records of the League (1 document) consist of correspondence.

## b. Racial Research Office (Amt fuer Sippenforschung) (EAP 250-d-14)

This office had the responsibility for certifying the "racial purity" of Party leaders and members. Its records (2 documents) consist of correspondence and materials on the ancestry of certain individuals.

## c. Office of the Leader for Organizations in Foreign Lands (Leiter der Auslands-Organization)

## (1) People's League for Fostering Germanism Abroad (Volksbund fuer das Deutschtum im Ausland)

The League was founded in 1881 as the Verein fuer das Deutschtum im Ausland but was renamed in 1933 as the Volksbund. It was organized to support German culture in border regions and in foreign countries. It was active in the support of German schools and other cultural institutions in foreign countries. The League was a "supervised" organization of the Party. The League's records, covering the period 1935-45, principally, but also 1920-21 (7 linear feet), contain accounts, correspondence, fiscal documents, and other materials.

## (2) German Foreign Institute (Deutsche Auslands Institut/DAI)

The Institute was established in Stuttgart in 1917. It was founded as a propaganda agency of Imperial Germany in order to arouse support for the "Fatherland" and, after the war, to use Germans as propagandists for the resurrection of a powerful "Greater Germany."

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Under Hitler, the DAI, with its world-wide network was a ready-made instrument for Nazi foreign propaganda. The Institute was a "supervised" organization of the Party also. The Institute's records, ca. 1915-45 (1350 linear feet and 48 reels), comprise (a) correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and publications (total of 850 linear feet of materials) covering German groups in nearly every country of the world; and (b) a card file (about 550 linear feet) covering mainly Germans who immigrated to Poland, Rumania and Russia. The Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress also has a collection of DAI records (see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, Montgomery, Alan, December 1952, pages 44-49).

## 3. Party Foreign Office (Ausserpolitisches Amt d. NSDAP) (EAP 250-d-18)

This office, headed by Alfred Rosenberg, was in competition, of course, with the German Foreign Ministry (Auswaertiges Amt), which was under the charge of Joachim von Ribbentrop (see Record Group Summary Nr 1016). The records of the Party Foreign Office (about 7 linear feet) consist of correspondence, reports, studies, intelligence summaries, and other materials.

## 4. Supreme Court of the Party (Oberstes Parteigericht) (EAP 250-b-22)

This court had original jurisdiction in the trial of the higher Nazi Party officials and heard appeals from Party regional and community courts. Its records (2 linear feet) consist of investigation reports, appeals, and court decisions.

## 5. Office of the Deputy for the Supervision of Ideological Education (Beauftragte des Fuehrers fuer die Ueberwachung der gesamten geistigen u. weltanschaulichen Schulung u. Erziehung).

In this office Alfred Rosenberg was charged with protecting the purity of the National Socialist ideology and promoting generally the spread of National Socialism. Records of the office, 1935-43 (30 linear feet), deal largely with the relations of the office with Reich and Nazi Party propaganda offices.

## 6. Office for Nazi Party Representation in the Reichstag (Reichstagfraktion der NSDAP)

## a. Office for Colonial Affairs (Kolonialpolitisches Amt) (EAP 250-d-16)

This office concerned itself with questions of ownership and administration of colonies. Its records (1 document) consist of essays on colonialism, material on standards of living in the tropics, and other data.

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7. Office of the Reich Propaganda Leader (Reichspropaganda-leiter) (EAP 250-c-10,12,14)

Joseph Goebbels was in charge of this office which was the main propaganda office of the Party. The office's records (17 linear feet) consist of correspondence, reports, directives, studies, personnel files, card files, and files of foreign newspapers.

8. Party Leadership (Reichsleitung)

a. Reich Treasurer (Reichsschatzmeister) (EAP 250-b-20)

The Reich Treasurer was the custodian of Party funds and property in general. The records of the office (about 5 linear feet) comprise correspondence, circulars, and personnel files.

b. Reich Legal Office (Reichsrechtsamt)

(1) National Socialist Bar Association (NS Rechtswahrerbund/NSRB) (EAP 252-k)

This Association was affiliated with the Party. Its records (about 3 linear feet) comprise correspondence, personnel files, financial data, directives, and circulars.

c. Main Organization Office (Hauptorganisationsamt)

(EAP 250-b-10)

This office was responsible for keeping watch over and improving the Party organizational structure. Its records (6 documents) comprise correspondence, circulars and reports.

d. Main Personnel Office (Hauptpersonalamt) (EAP 250-b-12)

The functions of this office were to assist in the selection of leaders, maintain a personnel "reservoir" from which future leaders could be selected, promote party members according to their talents, and handle other personnel problems of the Party. The office's records (4 documents) contain correspondence and personnel rosters.

e. Main Educational Office (Hauptbildungsamt) (EAP 250-b-14)

This office administered and supervised all educational activities of the Party and of the Party's affiliated organizations. Its records (2 linear feet) comprise correspondence, reports, personnel files, and circulars.

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f. Office for Party Anniversaries (Reichsparteitage) (EAP 250-b-16)

The planning and carrying out of celebrations at Nuremberg of Party anniversaries were the tasks of this office. Its records (8 documents) consist of correspondence, programs, and organizational data.

g. German Labor Front (Deutsche Arbeitsfront/DAF) (EAP 250-b-18, 252-a)

Under the leadership of Robert Ley, this organization was created to replace the free trade unions which existed under the Weimar Republic, assuming control of all labor-management relations in the Reich and extending its activities to include exploitation of foreign labor. The DAF records, 1925-45 (12 linear feet), comprise correspondence, directives and other materials.

(1) National Socialist Association for "Strength Through Joy" (NS Gemeinschaft "Kraft durch Freude") (EAP 252-a-12)

An affiliated organization of the Party, this Association carried out leisure time and recreational activities. Its records (1½ linear feet) contain correspondence and programs of recreation.

h. Main Public Health Office (Hauptamt fuer Volksgesundheit) (EAP 250-c-20)

The records of this office (2 documents) consist of circulars, pamphlets, and newspapers.

(1) National Socialist German Medical Society (NS Deutscher Aerztebund) (EAP 252-l)

The Society was affiliated with the Main Public Health Office. Its records (about 4 linear feet) comprise reports and card files.

i. Main Office for War Victims (Hauptamt fuer Kriegsofer) (EAP 250-c-24)

The records of this office (1 document) consist of memoranda on political indoctrination.

(1) National Socialist Organization for the Care of War Victims (NS Kriegsoferversorgung) (EAP 252-f)

The records of this organization (about 3 linear feet) contain correspondence, reports, directives, and circulars.

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j. Main Office for Civil Servants (Hauptamt fuer Beamte)  
(EAP 250-c-30)

The main responsibility of this office was the examination of civil servants for their political reliability. The office's records (5 documents) comprise correspondence and circulars.

(1) Reich League of German Civil Service Employees (Reichsbund der Deutschen Beamten) (EAP 252-h)

An affiliated organization of the Hauptamt fuer Beamte, the League's records (5 documents) consist of correspondence, financial statements, personnel data, and addresses of officers.

k. Main Office for Educators (Hauptamt fuer Erzieher)  
(EAP 250-c-26)

This office maintained liaison with the proper educational authorities on Nazi Party educational matters and controlled the appointments and promotions of teachers through examining them from the standpoint of their political reliability. The office's records (1 document) contain correspondence.

(1) National Socialist Teacher's Association (NS Lehrerbund)  
(EAP 252-j)

This Association was affiliated with the Hauptamt fuer Erzieher. The Association's records (7 documents) consist of personal name files, organizational data, correspondence, and reports.

l. National Socialist German University Teachers' Association (NS Deutscher Dozentenbund) (EAP 252-d)

The Association's records (1 document) comprise correspondence and memoranda.

m. Reich Student Leadership (Reichsstudentenfuehrung)

(1) National Socialist German Students League (NS Deutscher Studentenbund) (EAP 252-c)

The League's records (14½ linear feet) consist of membership files, correspondence, reports, pamphlets, and newspapers.

n. Main Office for Public Welfare (Hauptamt fuer Volkswohlfahrt) (EAP 250-c-18)

The office's records (about 3 linear feet) contain personal name files, correspondence, reports, and circulars.

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(1) National Socialist Social Welfare Organization (NS Volkswohlfahrt) (EAP 252-e)

Among other responsibilities, this organization supervised the "Winter Relief Program" (Winterhilfswerk) and the "Mother and Child Program." The organization's records (about 7½ linear feet) contain personnel files, correspondence and circulars.

o. National Socialist Women's League (NS Frauenschaft)  
(EAP 252-b)

The League supervised all women's organizations in Germany, organizing and controlling them in accordance with Nazi ideology. The League's records (4 documents) comprise reports, correspondence, material on membership activities and personnel files.

p. Main Engineer Office (Hauptamt fuer Technik)

(1) National Socialist Association of German Engineers (NS Bund Deutscher Techniker) (EAP 252-g)

The Association's records (about 1½ linear feet) comprise correspondence and reports.

q. Main Office for Municipal Affairs (Hauptamt fuer Kommunalpolitik) (EAP 250-c-28)

The principal function of this office was to watch over and control all organizations and institutions engaged in municipal affairs. Its records (8 documents) consist of studies, reports, and correspondence.

(1) German Municipal League (Deutscher Gemeindetag)  
(EAP 253-b)

Under the supervision of the Hauptamt fuer Kommunalpolitik, the League exercised a deciding influence in every phase of community life, including the appointment of mayors and other communal officials. The League's records (1 document) consist of correspondence.

r. National Socialist Reich League for Physical Training (NS Reichsbund fuer Leibesuebungen) (EAP 253-a)

The League, which was a "supervised" organization of the Party, had charge of all forms of physical training and sports, both local and national, and set the policy for German participation in international events. The League's records (1 document) consist of a treatise on the nation and family.

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s. National Socialist Association of Former University Students (NS Altherrenbund d. deutschen Studenten) (EAP 253-d)

This Association was also a "supervised" organization of the Party. It exercised control over the alumni of universities. The Association's records (7 documents) comprise personnel name files, correspondence and circulars.

t. Reich Institute "Sven Hedin" for Central Asian Research (Reichsinstitut "Sven Hedin" fuer Innerasienforschung)

The Institute was an outgrowth of the German Tibet Expedition of Dr. Ernst Schaefer, 1938-39. Named for the famous Swedish explorer; Sven Hedin, who admired National Socialism, the Institute's primary purpose was "the total exploration of the Central Asiatic living space." The Institute's records (100 linear feet) comprise (1) a library (87 linear feet) of printed works on biology, zoology, and botany, as well as books by Sven Hedin; and (2) correspondence, newspaper clippings and other papers (13 linear feet).

#### 9. Nazi Party military and semi-military organizations

##### a. Storm Troops (Sturmabteilungen/SA) (EAP 230-231)

The SA was organized on 3 August 1921. It was originally organized to protect Party meetings from being broken up by the Party's political enemies. Eventually, it was made responsible for the military training and political indoctrination of Party members. The SA records, 1925-45 (45 linear feet), consist of correspondence and memoranda, reports, and other documents pertaining to the organization, administration and activities of the SA; and SA participation in welfare work.

##### b. Home Guard (Volkssturm) (EAP 210-211)

This organization was founded by Hitler in 1944 to serve as a national militia to assist the German armed forces in a "last ditch" fight against invaders. All German men between the ages of 16 and 60, who were not in the armed services and were able to bear arms, were compelled to belong to the Home Guard. Recruitment was handled by the Nazi Party. The records of the Home Guard (6 linear feet) consist of correspondence, directives, reports, and circulars.

##### c. Hitler Youth (Hitlerjugend/HJ) (EAP 220-221)

This organization of the Party enrolled all German boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 for the purpose of political indoctrination and pre-military training. For purposes of organizational control, in addition to the central office of the Hitler Youth (Reichsjugendfuehrung), there were about 38 field offices throughout Greater

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Germany. HJ units were also organized in many areas occupied by the Germans during World War II. HJ records, 1925-45 (21 linear feet), contain data on the administration and activities of the Reichsjugendfuehrung and the various field offices, HJ schools and training, and the employment of Hitler Youth in the war effort.

##### d. National Socialist Aviation Corps (NS Fliegerkorps/NSFK) (EAP 240-241)

The NSFK was organized in April 1937 to provide pre-military training to prospective members of the Air Force and post-military training for reserve air personnel and to promote interest in aviation on the part of the civilian population. All existing aviation associations were incorporated into the NSFK. The records of the NSFK, 1937-45 (5 linear feet), comprise information on the origin of the NSFK, its leadership, mission during World War II, training, and its regional organization.

##### e. National Socialist Motor Vehicle Corps (NS Kraftfahrkorps/NSKK) (EAP 200-203)

The NSKK was organized in 1931 to increase the mobility of the Sturmabteilungen. In 1933, it began training drivers for service in the armed forces. Later it was made responsible for all Nazi driver training, mainly in the Hitler Youth but also in the Home Guard. It also trained tank crews for the German Army. The NSKK records, 1931-45 (8 linear feet), relate to the organization, development, and training of the NSKK.

##### f. Reich Labor Service (Reichsarbeitsdienst/RAD) (EAP 180-183)

The Service was formed in 1931 under the name "National Socialist Labor Service" (NS Arbeitsdienst). Its main purpose was to relieve unemployment by the institution of a public works program. In 1935, the organization was separated from the Nazi Party and became a state organization (RAD) charged primarily with the responsibility of constructing public works that were considered necessary for national defense. Service in the RAD was compulsory for all Germans of both sexes between the ages of 18 and 21. The RAD records, 1931-45 (6 linear feet), deal with the organization and administration of the RAD, the operation of the "Work Areas" (Arbeitsgaue), RAD training and other matters.

##### 10. Nazi Party regional organization (EAP 251-a, 253-c, 254)

The Party organized regional (Gau), district (Kreis) and other local offices throughout Greater Germany as part of its pattern of maintaining control of the German people down almost to the individual German. The Branch has records (130 linear feet) for a number of Gaue, principally Gau Baden. These records consist of personnel files, correspondence, and other materials.

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The largest collection of Nazi Party records (about 20,000 linear feet) is in the custody of the Berlin Documents Center (formerly the 7771 Document Center), which is administered by the Department of State. In addition to records of Party offices and organizations, this collection contains the Nazi Party membership card files and personnel name files of many Nazi leaders. For a description of a large part of the collection, see Office of Military Government for Germany, 7771 Document Center, Who Was A Nazi?, Berlin, June 1947, 35p.

For Nazi Party records held by the Hoover Institute and Library and by the Library of Congress, see (1) War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents; and (2) Hildegard R. Boeninger, The Hoover Library Collection on Germany, Stanford, Stanford University Press, 1955, 56p.

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RECORDS OF NAZI CULTURAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS  
1934 - 1945

This record group comprises the records of the following three leading cultural and research institutions of Germany which were particularly active in the promotion of German interests and, during the Nazi regime, in the vigorous support of the Nazi ideology:

- (1) The Institute for German Work in the East  
(Institut fuer Deutsche Ostarbeit)

The Institute was established in Cracow on 20 April 1940 by Hans Frank, Governor General of Poland. Its mission was two-fold: (a) to conduct and supervise research into the history and culture of Poland and Eastern areas in general, and (b) to evaluate and continually increase German influence in these areas.

The Institute maintained headquarters in Cracow, with branch offices in Warsaw and Lemberg (Lvov). Dr. Frank was the Institute's president. The Institute's operations were controlled through the following offices: (a) Administration Office comprising five sections--Organization, Personnel, Literature and Press, Finance and Fiscal, and Library; (b) Liberal Arts and Sciences Office consisting of five sections--Prehistoric Period, History, History of Art, Race and Nationality, and Law; (c) Natural Sciences Office comprising six sections--Economics, Philology, Geography, Agriculture, Horticulture, and Forestry.

Records. -- The records of the Institute, covering the period 1940-45 (24 linear feet), consist of correspondence with other German scientific institutes, the German Academy Munich, scientific collaborators, publishers, various NSDAP organizations, commercial firms, and other organizations and individuals. This correspondence deals with the activities of the Institute, the preparation of publications, the exchange of books and periodicals, contributions to publications, the preparation of expositions, the loan of books and other matters. The records also include IDO's administrative circulars, 1943-45; personal name files of the Institute's higher grade employees; a personnel file comprising questionnaires completed by Russians, emigres and refugees employed by IDO as assistants; progress reports and program descriptions; newspaper clippings about the work of the Institute, 1941-44; and a 1944 list of the Institute's publications.

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(2) Academy for German Law  
(Akademie fuer Deutsches Recht)

The Academy was founded on 26 June 1933 by Hans Frank, then Reich Commissioner for Justice and also Bavarian Minister of Justice. The Academy's functions were to assist in the drafting of a new German code of justice and to collaborate with the Reich authorities in the formulation and enactment of laws designed to foster and actively promote National Socialism. In the performance of these functions, the Academy carried out the following tasks: (a) The criticism and review of proposed legislation, (b) the reorganization and simplification of legal and political training at German educational institutions, (c) the publication of legal papers, (d) the coordination of the exchange of information on legal matters, and (e) liaison with similar organizations in foreign countries.

The Academy maintained an office in Berlin and a House of German Law in Munich. Its staff, which consisted of a number of government and Nazi Party officials, as well as judges, attorneys, law enforcement officers and university professors, was divided into a number of committees each of which dealt with one particular phase of the law and conducted extensive research on selected topics.

Records. -- The records of the Academy, 1933-45 (9 linear feet), consist of correspondence (including the Central Correspondence File of the Munich office and the Correspondence File of the Academy's Library); ADR administrative regulations; minutes and reports of committees and subcommittees; drafts and analyses of proposed laws (including discussions of church-state relations, divorce, the police policy of the Third Reich, legal and religious problems arising out of Nazi race theories, and population problems); organizational plan of the Academy; materials on ADR internal and office procedures; the Academy's archival scheme; issues of the Academy's periodical, 1934-37, 1940 (with gaps); materials on ADR history and publications; newspaper clippings about the Academy; lists of chairmen and members of committees and of Academy members; and other documents. Also included are some files of the Generalstaatsanwalt beim Oberlandesgericht Stuttgart, 1939-45, including case files, miscellaneous administrative papers, etc.

The Library of Congress has a few items of the Academy. For a description of these, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, Montgomery, Ala., December 1952, p. 43.

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(3) German Academy Munich  
(Deutsche Akademie Muenchen)

This Academy, whose full name was the Academy for the Scientific Exploration and Preservation of Germanism (Akademie zur Wissenschaftlichen Erforschung u. zur Pflege des Deutschtums), was founded in Munich in 1925. The Academy was devoted to supporting research in German culture and to the promotion of interest throughout the world in the German language and culture. The Academy established sections (or projects) on German history, literature, folklore, music, political science, etc. To further interest in and the study of the German language, the Academy established a network of German language schools throughout the world, especially in Southern and Eastern Europe. The Academy had a virtual monopoly of the teaching of German and combined with it Nazi propaganda activities. Some fifty branch offices were set up on the European continent and abroad to administer the Academy's language and lecture programs. Among the Presidents of the Academy were Karl Haushofer and Seyss-Inquart.

Records. -- The records of the Academy, 1925-45 (1 1/4 linear feet), appear to be the records almost entirely of the Abteilung Auslands-Lektoren. The records include correspondence; copies of administrative memoranda; reports; copies of lectures, budget proposals; lists of lecturers, teachers and employees; a bibliography of Academy writings; copies of DAM publications; and materials on the history and organization of the Academy. Also included is a lengthy report (1943, 95 pages) dealing with the activities and household problems of the Academy (DAM 1123).

The Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress has about 2000 photographs illustrating the activities of the Academy (see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, p. 34).

(4) Axis Organizations Concerned with the Far East\*

This group of records constitutes a miscellaneous collection of documents of German, mainly, but also Japanese and Italian governmental and private agencies and individuals having interests in the Far East. The records were collected originally by the Central Intelligence Agency from a variety of sources. Eventually, the collection was transferred to the Departmental Records Branch. The records are arranged under an ordinary numerical system.

\*Originally, the records found in this group were erroneously described as the records of the Deutsche-Japanische Gesellschaft.

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Records, -- The records within this group, covering the period 1914-45 (286 linear feet), comprise materials of the following organizations and individuals:

1. German governmental agencies

a. Auswaertiges Amt: Records consist of lists (n.d.) of all consulates and their personnel located in Germany (Serial Nr 165).

b. Reichswirtschaftsministerium: Records, 1935-44, consist of memos, annotated lists of commercial firms, notes about business men, newspaper clippings, and other materials bearing on commerce with Japan (Serial Nr 209).

c. Deutsche Reichspost, Telegraf Amt, Bad Gastein: Records, April-May 1945, comprise 51 telegrams sent by a group of foreign diplomats and correspondents evacuated to Bad Gastein. Included are telegrams sent by the Japanese newspaper correspondent to Domei reporting on Hitler's death, the fall of Berlin and the last days of the Nazi regime (Serial Nr 138).

d. Oberkommando der Wehrmacht

(1) Wehrmachtfuehrungsstab: Records, 1943-44, consist of correspondence with the Auswaertiges Amt; materials bearing on the probability of war between the USSR and Japan and on the possibility of the neutralization of China and the USSR; Axis estimates of Allied strength in the Pacific Theater; evaluations of Japanese military personalities; reports of the German military attache at Tokyo on the fighting in the Pacific and on the diplomatic efforts of Germany and Japan; digests of the foreign press; reports of Fremde Heere West on the military situation; and other papers (Serial Nr 118).

(2) Wirtschaftseruestungsamt: Records, 1936-45, consist of studies and reports on the economy and economic possibilities of China, Indo-China, Italy, Japan, Manchuria, and the Far East in general; a survey of Italian raw materials and Near East oil; reports on the political and military situation in China and Japan; OKH reports and evaluations of the Shanghai battle of 1937; and other documents (Serial Nrs 122-125, 127, 129-132, 152, 202).

(3) Feldwirtschaftsamt: Records, 1939-45, comprise correspondence with the Auswaertiges Amt about suspected Japanese-Russian trade in 1944; notes, clippings and correspondence about Japan's economic production and armament program; a survey of Japanese aircraft production; air situation reports for the Far East; reports on economic developments in China and Manchuria; and other materials (Serial Nrs 119, 126-128, 130, 168, 202). Also included are (a) a memo of August 1944 about Jap plans to evacuate by U-Boat to Japan German scientists before a collapse of Germany so that they can not

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be used by the Allies in war production against Japan; and (b) a report of February 1944 on the possibility of secret Chinese-Japanese negotiations for peace.

e. Oberkommando des Heeres

(1) Generalstab: Records, 1940-45, contain Fremde Heere Ost daily reports on the military situation in the Pacific areas; reports on German-Japanese military collaboration; evaluations of Japanese intelligence reports; chronological accounts of the progress of the war throughout the Pacific; reports from German military attaches in Bangkok, Nanking and Tokyo about the military and political situation in those areas; order of battle data on Chinese and Japanese troops; card file on military and political personalities in Manchuria and Thailand (Serial Nrs 159-163, 201).

(2) Abteilung Fremde Heere Ost: Records, 1941-45, consist of a file of 215 cards containing order of battle data on the Japanese military forces (Serial Nr 134).

(3) Abteilung Fremde Heere West: Records, 1942-45, comprise reports of the German military attache in Tokyo on military operations in the Far East and on the repercussions of the war upon the Japanese Government; and order of battle data on Japanese military forces (Serial Nrs 133, 146, 158, 201). Also included is a study by the Japanese General Staff on operational information for combat against the U. S. Army.

f. Oberkommando der Luftwaffe

(1) Generalluftzeugmeister: Records consist of a survey of January 1942 of the Japanese aircraft industry and equipment (Serial Nr 117).

(2) Kommando d. Erprobungstellen: Records, 1943-45, consist of air situation reports covering the Far East (Serial Nr 133A).

g. Waffen SS: Records comprise 14 undated pamphlets on a wide variety of subjects, including information on Russian medical research (Serial Nrs 111, 112, 184).

2. Japanese and Manchurian Embassies, Consulates and Legations

a. Japanese Embassy, Berlin: Records, 1934-45, comprise correspondence, notes and newspaper clippings on inspections of the German air defense system; reports on inspections of the Italian armament industry and on fortifications of various European states; correspondence, notes, blueprints, invoices, etc. concerning Jap purchases of armaments and other materials in Germany; notes on the inspection of German Air Force

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hospitals and on German powder manufacture; various studies on the Russian and German economy; notes on the promising outlook of German operations against Russia; reports on Soviet arms and on German, American, Italian and Russian tanks and armored cars; intelligence data on Russian, German and anti-Axis aircraft; and other papers (Serial Nos 78, 80, 115, 137, 154, 155, 157, 176, 195, 199, 200, 213-220).

b. Japanese Embassy, Lisbon: Records comprise 3 reports, dated 22 and 24 March 1945, on the general military situation of the Japanese Armed Forces (Serial Nr 197).

c. Japanese Embassy, Madrid: Records consist of 2 reports, dated 24 March and 11 April 1945, on the general military situation of the Japanese Armed Forces (Serial Nr 197).

d. Japanese Consulate, Hamburg: Records, 1944-45, consist of correspondence with the German authorities and with other consulates in Hamburg about requests for visas for Japanese nationals (Serial Nr 196).

e. Manchurian Embassy, Rome: Records, 1939, 1942-43, comprise notes and pamphlets about the friendship visit of some Manchurians to Italy in the period 6-19 September 1939; and reports about the 10th anniversary of the Manchurian Government, the itinerary of President Aikawa and his party in Italy and Yamashita's reception in Rome (Serial Nos 140, 156).

f. Manchurian Consulate, Hamburg: Records, 1940, 1943, 1945, consist of correspondence about the purchase of German military equipment, war events, etc.; articles on the Manchurian Army and police force; a list of names and addresses of Japanese in Germany; and a booklet on the preservation of peace (Serial Nr 110).

g. Manchurian Legation, Rome: Records, 1940-41, contain drafts of speeches, invitation lists, clippings from Italian newspapers, etc. (Serial Nr 169).

### 3. Semi-official and Private Institutions

a. Deutsche Handelskammer, Hankow: Records, 1938-41, consist of correspondence, minutes of meetings of associations of business men, and circulars (Serial Nr 210).

b. Deutsche-Japanische Gesellschaft, Berlin

This organization was founded in Berlin on 11 June 1890. Its aims were the promotion of cultural and spiritual relations between Germany and Japan, the dissemination of information in Germany regarding

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Japan and in Japan regarding Germany, the rendering of assistance to Japanese citizens residing in Germany, and the operation of a mutual cultural exchange program. The Association's main office was located in Berlin. A number of branch offices existed in the larger cities of Germany and, presumably, in Japan, wherever local chapters had been organized.

Records.--The records of the Association, 1930-45, comprise correspondence; memoranda; DJG's yearly reports (with gaps); budgetary materials, including annual financial statements; reports on the Far East political situation; a file of DJG's *Deutsch-Japanische Nachrichten*, 1940-41, 1943-44; lists of trustees of institutes and departments of German universities offering Japanology in Germany, lists of German associations and committees concerned with the Far East, lists of German journals and newspapers dealing with the Far East, and lists of DJG members and employees; data on the organization of the Association; personal name files of Japanese students to whom the Association gave scholarships; a file of reports published by the *Ostasiatischer Verein Hamburg-Bremen*, 1939-45; a file of *Der Ost Express* published by the *Ostasiendienst*, 1938-44; essays on the Japanese-German alliance submitted in response to an announcement of a prize contest; texts of speeches made by DJG President Foerster; and other papers (Serial Nos 148, 221-241).

c. *Ostasiatischer Verein Hamburg-Bremen*: Records, 1944-45, contain minutes of trustees' meetings, reports, and general political and economic news about Japan (Serial Nr 164).

d. *Ostasiensausschuss*: Records, 1937, 1938, 1942, comprise correspondence, cables, a report by Dr. Reithinger on his travels in East Asia in 1937/38, a report on China's chemical industry, a list of candidates for the board of directors of the *Deutsch-Indischer Wirtschaftsverband*, and a translation of an article on the industrial organization of China (Serial Nr 211).

e. *Verein zur Foerderung der Deutsch-Mandschurischen Wirtschaftbeziehungen, e.V.*: Records, 1937, 1939, 1941-42, consist of notes, newspaper clippings and propaganda material relating to lectures held at various German cities by certain Japanese lecturers; materials bearing on a request to establish an organization to promote commerce between Manchukuo and Germany; the Association's financial report for March 1939; and other documents (Serial Nos 150, 207).

### 4. Private German and Japanese commercial firms

Unless otherwise shown, the records of these firms contain generally business correspondence, reports, blueprints and allied materials. In most cases, the records relate to the firm's business interests in the Far East. The records of the following firms are included in this group:

H. Ahrens & Co. G.m.b.H., 1938-43 (Serial Nr 274)

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Allgemeine Elektrizitätsgesellschaft, 1938-40 (Serial Nr 297)  
 (For other records of this firm, see Record Group Summary  
 Nr 1040, Records of Private Austrian, Dutch and German  
 Enterprises.)  
 Bamag-Meguin  
 Becker & Co.  
 Behn, Meyer China Co. Ltd, Shanghai  
 Robert Bosch G.m.b.H., Stuttgart, 1933-44 (Serial Nr 290)  
 Braunkohlen-Produkte A.G., Berlin, 1924-25 (Serial Nr 315)  
 Carlowitz & Co., 1941 (Serial Nr 286)  
 Cie Francaise B. Bauno  
 Dai Nihon Hiryo  
 Friedrich Deckel, Munich  
 Delacampe, Hamburg  
 De Vivance & Co.  
 Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, Hamburg, 1937-40 (Serial Nr 298)  
 Deutsche Edelstahlwerke, Duesseeldorf, 1935-43 (Serial Nr 313)  
 Deutsche Farbenhandels-gesellschaft, Waibel & Co., 1940-42  
 (Serial Nr 315)  
 Deutsche Maschinen Gesellschaft, Duisburg, 1937-43 (Serial  
 Nr 287)  
 Dingelberg Soehne G.m.b.H.  
 Dobbertin & Co., Hamburg  
 Doitsu Senryo Gomei Kaisha  
 Eisemwerke, Witkowitz (Serial Nr 313)  
 Elektrochemische Werke Maenchen A.G., Hollriegelskreuth  
 (Serial Nr 135) (Records, July 1944-April 1945, consist of  
 correspondence, drafts and texts of agreements relating to  
 German-Japanese negotiations about the right of reproduction  
 and use of German techniques in the production of T-Stoff, and  
 B, C, Z-Stoffe.)  
 Eumoco A.G.  
 August Evers & Co. G.m.b.H., Hamburg, 1926-45 (Serial Nr 305)  
 I.G. Farben (Serial Nrs 246-267) (Records, 1925-45, consist of  
 correspondence pertaining to the firm's business interests  
 and transactions throughout the world; circular letters to  
 heads of departments dealing with security regulations, plans  
 for evacuation, war restrictions, etc; contracts and trade  
 agreements; studies on various aspects of the Japanese economy;  
 periodic reports on the political, economic and military situ-  
 ation in various countries in the Far East; reports and clip-  
 pings on the transportation situation in the Far East; a list  
 of Farben patents in Japan; data on the production of fuel and  
 chemicals in Germany & Japan; copies of the minutes of board  
 meetings of the China Institute, the Deutsch-Mandschurischen  
 Verein, Handelskammer of Shanghai (1927-43), and Handelskammer  
 of Tientsin (1934-43); copies of the press releases of the  
 Deutscher Orient Verein; and other papers.)

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Felton & Guilleaume, Carlswerk Eisen u. Stahl, 1934-43 (Serial  
 Nr 319)  
 J.A. Fichtner  
 Focke-Wulf Flugzeugbau G.m.b.H., Bremen, 1938-45 (Serial Nrs  
 109, 276) (For other records of this firm, see Record Group  
 Summary Nr 1040.)  
 Fokkes & Koch, Tokyo, 1940-41 (Serial Nr 318)  
 Foundry & Rolling Mill Equipment Co.  
 German Ship & Machine Construction Co.  
 Glaswerk Jena, Schott & Gen., 1939-45 (Serial Nr 312)  
 Grimm & Co.  
 Gustloff-Werke, 1941 (Serial Nr 313)  
 Guttehoffnungshuette Oberhausen A.G., 1933-41 (Serial Nr 280)  
 Harry W. Hamacher  
 Heesch, Hinrichen & Co., Hamburg, 1937-41 (Serial Nr 306)  
 Henschel u. Sohn, 1943-45 (Serial Nr 292)  
 Hermes Credit Inst. Co.  
 Hirth Motoren, Stuttgart  
 Hydraulik A.G., Duisburg, 1942-43 (Serial Nr 278)  
 Hugo Ibing & Co.  
 C. Illies & Co., Tokyo, 1932-43 (Serial Nr 281)  
 Adolph Jahn & Co.  
 Junkers & Co. G.m.b.H., Stuttgart, 1934-41 (Serial Nr 308)  
 Junkers Flugzeug u. Motorenwerke A.G., Dessau  
 (Records consist of correspondence and memoranda between  
 the firm and the Reichsluftfahrtministerium, 1942-44, dealing  
 with technical cooperation and exchange between Germany and  
 Japan) (Serial Nrs 143, 308) (For other records of the firm,  
 see Record Group Summary Nr 1040.)  
 Heinrich Koppers G.m.b.H., Essen, 1933-43 (Serial Nr 310)  
 Ernst Kornowski & Co., Hamburg  
 Ernst Krause & Co., Berlin, 1936-45 (Serial Nr 311)  
 Dr. C. Krayer, Tokyo  
 Arno Krebs  
 Friedrich Kronacher, Hamburg  
 Krupp A.G., Essen (Records, 1938-45, consist of correspondence,  
 reports, notes and other documents relating to the firm's  
 interests in the Far East; correspondence, notes and minutes  
 of conversations pertaining to Japanese purchases from Krupp;  
 correspondence about the sale of a Tiger tank to Japan as a  
 sample in order to find out whether the production of such  
 tanks would be practicable in Japan; correspondence about a  
 contract to build a foundry at Hsiangtan, China; and other  
 papers.) (Serial Nrs 136, 171, 186, 277) (For other records  
 of this firm, see Record Group Summary Nr 1040.)  
 Kunst & Albers, Hamburg, Tientsin, Mukden, 1940-45 (Serial  
 Nr 294)  
 Lurgi, Frankfurt/Main, 1936-44 (Serial Nr 272)

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Machine Tool Works A.G., Leipzig  
 Mannesmann Export Co., Duesseldorf, 1938-41 (Serial Nr 285)  
 Mannesmann Roehrenwerke (Serial Nr 284)  
 Maruzen Comp., Tokyo  
 Maschinen-Fabrik, Augsburg-Muenchen, 1938-42 (Serial Nr 302)  
 Mauserwerke A.G.  
 Melchers & Co., Bremen, 1934, 1942-44 (Serial Nr 279)  
 Messerschmidt A.G., Oberammergau (Records, 1943-45, comprise correspondence dealing with granting full powers to certain individuals to represent the firm in Japan in all matters relating to agreements reached between the firm and the Japanese Government; correspondence and cables concerning the sale of planes and parts to Japan; documents dealing with the collaboration between Germany & Japan on the production of jet planes in Japan; drafts and texts of agreements between the firm and the Japanese Government about sending experts to Japan; and other documents.) (Serial Nrs 181, 193)  
 Arnold Otto Meyer, Hamburg, 1937-44 (Serial Nrs 206, 295)  
 Mineraloelbaugesellschaft (Records deal solely with the production of benzine in Germany, 1938.) (Serial Nr 313)  
 Mitsui & Co., Tokyo (Serial Nr 314)  
 Mitsui Busan A.G., Rome, 1938-42 (Serial Nr 314)  
 Mitsui Busan Kaisha, Berlin (Serial Nr 314)  
 Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, 1940-42 (Serial Nrs 182, 275)  
 Mueller & Montag G.m.b.H., Leipzig, 1938-44 (Serial Nr 309)  
 Naxos Verband  
 Niessau Kagaku, Tokyo  
 Okura & Co., Berlin & Tokyo  
 Optische Anstalt C.F. Goertz G.m.b.H., 1935-44 (Serial Nr 317)  
 Dr. Otto & Co. G.m.b.H., Bochum, 1933-41 (Serial Nr 307)  
 Pittlerwerke A.G.  
 Pohlitz A.G.  
 Polte Werk, Magdeburg, 1937-44 (Serial Nr 293)  
 Press & Walzwerk, 1933-42 (Serial Nr 301)  
 Rheintalmetall-Borsig Werke, Duesseldorf and Berlin (Records, 1937-45, consist of correspondence and notes about the sale of guns and ammunition to Japan, the delivery of antiaircraft and naval guns to Japan, Japanese orders for armaments; documents showing the negotiations of the firm with other armament producers and with the German and Japanese authorities about the sales of war materials to the Japanese Army and Navy; contracts between the firm and the Japanese Army and Navy for technical aid; and other papers.) (Serial Nrs 120, 142, 166, 173, 212, 282) (For other records of the firm, see Record Group Summary Nr 1040.)  
 Rhenania-Ossag, Mineraloelwerke A.G., 1935-45 (Serial Nr 185)  
 Dr. Sakai  
 Sander, Wieler & Co., Hamburg, 1940-42 (Serial Nr 299)

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Friedrich Schalkhauser  
 Carl Schenk  
 Schless A.G.  
 Schloemann A.G., Duesseldorf, 1942-45 (Serial Nrs 172, 283)  
 Schmidt & Schandt  
 Schneider & Co.  
 Alfred Schuetze  
 Showa Tensho Kaisha Ltd., Berlin (Records consist of correspondence and lists of materials contracted for or purchased by the Japanese and turned back to Germany according to an official agreement between the Japanese and German authorities arrived at in September 1944.) (Serial Nr 175)  
 Siemens-Schuckert A.G. (Records, 1939, deal solely with the matter of installations in Argentina.) (Serial Nr 313) (For other records of this firm, see Record Group Summary Nr 1040.)  
 Skoda, Pilsen, 1938-43 (Serial Nr 313)  
 Societe Anonyme Mitsubishi, Paris, 1939-42 (Serial Nr 314)  
 Stahl Union Export G.m.b.H., 1938-44 (Serial Nrs 149, 291)  
 Stahlwerk Verband, Duesseldorf, 1933-41 (Serial Nrs 178, 304)  
 Stickstoff Syndikat G.m.b.H., Berlin, 1933 (Serial Nr 316)  
 Sulzer Gebr. A.G.  
 Sumitomo Chemical Mfg. Co., 1943 (Serial Nr 314)  
 Friedrich Uhde  
 United Machine Tool Co., 1939-44 (Serial Nr 289)  
 Vereinigte Leichtmetallwerke, Hannover, 1937-44 (Serial Nr 288) (For other records of this firm, see Record Group Summary Nr 1040.)  
 Karl Vogt, Tokyo, 1927-40 (Serial Nr 303)  
 Wagner & Co. G.m.b.H., Dortmund, 1934-43 (Serial Nrs 273, 300)  
 S. Winkler & Co., Hamburg, 1939-44 (Serial Nr 296)  
 Otto Wolff A.G., Cologne, 1935-44 (Serial Nrs 177, 181, 188, 270, 271)  
 For records of other German firms, see Record Group Summary Nr 1040.

## 5. Personal papers of individuals

- a. Karl Haushofer, 1914-41 (Serial Nrs 147, 189, 190, 191) (For other personal papers, see Record Group Summary Nr 1041, Records of Private German Individuals.)
- b. Dr. Max Ilgner, member of I.G. Farben, 1935-37 (Serial Nr 192).
- c. Dr. Chikayoshi Tarui, Japanese journalist representing Domei News in Germany. (Records consist solely of his diary for the period 30 September 1943 to 14 April 1945.) (Serial Nr 120)

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- d. Dr. W. von Tirpitz, member of I.G. Farben, 1936-38 (Serial Nr 192)
- e. Staff members of former Japanese and Manchurian embassies and consulates in Germany, France and Italy (Records, 1930's-1945, comprise in the main photographs and films.) (Serial Nrs 120, 121, 139)

This group also contains the following records in the Italian language, about 1938-42: Reports of the Italian Air Attaches in Berlin and Tokyo about Japanese war production and Japanese aircraft; documents of the Italian Institute for Cultural Relations Abroad dealing with courses in the Italian language and Italian culture; a list issued by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 6 October 1940, of diplomatic personnel in Italy; a booklet about foreign military attaches accredited to the Italian Government, dated 15 November 1942; a report of the Information Department of the Chief of Staff of the Italian Navy on Indo-China, New Caledonia and dependencies; a booklet of the Italian War Ministry on ideas for advanced infantry training; and other papers. (Serial Nr 203)

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Record Group Summary Nr 1040

RECORDS OF  
PRIVATE AUSTRIAN, DUTCH, AND GERMAN ENTERPRISES  
1917 - 1946

In this record group are the records of some sixty firms (principally German), covering the period 1917-46 and amounting to 738 linear feet of original documents and 406 microfilm reels.

For each of the following German firms, the Departmental Records Branch has substantial quantities of records:

1. Auergesellschaft A.G., Berlin

This firm held large contracts with the German Army and other government agencies for the manufacture of gas masks, gas proof clothing, gas testing apparatus, room filters, oxygen transfer pumps, and filters. The company also conducted research in the development of toxic agents.

Records. -- The records of the company, 1920-45 (75 linear feet), consist of correspondence, technical papers, manufacturing reports, experimental data, invoices, purchase orders, inventories, cost lists, and other papers. These records pertain to the development and manufacture of gas masks, gas protective clothing, gas detecting apparatus and agents, oxygen test devices, oxygen protective and breathing equipment, pulmotors, high altitude respirators, air raid shelter ventilation equipment, decontaminating and purifying equipment and agents, filters, toxic agents, luminous paints, smoke generators, lighting equipment, and protective clothing and equipment for animals. Included are some records of Degea, A.G., Berlin, an Auer Company affiliate.

2. Dresdner Bank, Berlin

The Bank was established on 12 November 1872 in Dresden. In time, it became the second largest commercial bank in Germany, engaging in both commercial and investment banking. Under the Nazi Government, it was used as an instrument for the ruthless acquisition and absorption of numerous banking and industrial firms in Germany and in areas occupied by the Germans.

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Records. -- The records of the Bank, 1931-44 (4 linear feet and 112 microfilm reels), comprise correspondence, minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors as well as of executive and credit committees, annual reports, daily balance sheets covering the period 1 March-30 June 1944, standing orders, memoranda for the record, syndicate agreements, contracts, reports on the organization and administration of the Reichsbank, banking and credit agreements with foreign countries, reports on public financing in Germany, and activity reports of the Bank's foreign department. Also included are records of the following main affiliates of the Bank: Laenderbank, Vienna; Boemische Escompte Bank, Prague; Deutsche Handels- u. Kreditbank A.G., Pressburg; Handels- u. Kreditbank, Riga; Kommerzbank A.G., Cracow; Ausland Sekretariat Westen, France; Handelstrust West, Amsterdam; Deutsch-Sued-amerikanische Bank A.G., Berlin; and the Ungarische Allgemeine Kreditbank, Budapest.

### 3. Firma Carl Zeiss, Jena

This firm, which was named after its founder, was one of the largest producers of optical and precision instruments. It manufactured all types of optical and precision instruments ranging from spectacles to telescopes and from opera glasses to range finders. The firm became world renowned not only for the quality of its products but also for its progressive social plan for the care of company employees.

Records. -- The records of this firm, 1934-44 (222 microfilm reels), deal with the development and production of lenses, eyeglasses, telescopes, rangefinders, optical instruments, precision tools, reflector and telescope sights, testing equipment, instruments for medical and dental use, movie sound equipment, and fire control devices. The records also contain data on the testing of optical lenses under normal conditions and in the tropics, measurements of lenses and range finders in the heat chamber, and studies on evacuation measures designed to maintain normal production after air raids and whenever conditions or circumstances caused the lack of materials in certain plants.

### 4. Friedrich Flick K.G.

The Flick firm was essentially a holding company, with ownership of or control over numerous steel and iron companies and coal mines, largely in Germany but also in some areas occupied by the Germans.

Records. -- The records of this company, 1923-46 (25 linear feet), consist of correspondence, reports, statistical tables, minutes, and other papers relating to corporate reorganizations within the Flick concern; changes in intercorporate stock holdings; operation of plants in occupied territories; production; the employment of foreign

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workers and prisoners of war; personnel administration; the acquisition of Jewish property in Germany and in annexed and occupied areas; dealings with Reich ministries; relations with a variety of business concerns; analyses of operating costs; the allocation of raw materials; the financial status of Flick-controlled firms; the personal history of Friedrich Flick; the post-war dissolution of the firm; and other matters.

For other Flick records, see the records of Case 5 (U.S. vs. Flick) tried before a United States military tribunal at Nuremberg, the tribunal records being in the custody of The National Archives, Washington, D.C.

### 5. Focke-Wulf Flugzeugbau G.m.b.H., Bremen

This company was among the big German firms manufacturing airplanes.

Records. -- The records of this company, 1934-45 (160 linear feet), consist in the main of personal name files of Focke-Wulf employees, dealing largely with the payment of salaries and wages. Also included are correspondence, reports, directives and other papers concerning transactions with the Air Ministry about the delivery of military aircraft, the purchase of aircraft components from sub-contractors, production costs estimates, the testing of various types of aircraft, aeronautical research and development, public relations, decentralization of Focke-Wulf plants, the examination and evaluation of captured enemy aircraft, measures taken to reorganize production after Allied air raids on Focke-Wulf plants, meetings of Focke-Wulf officials, employee suggestions for the improvement of aircraft parts, and other matters.

For other records of the firm, see the description of the records of Axis Organizations concerned with the Far East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036, Records of Nazi Cultural and Research Institutions.

### 6. German Marine and Naval Equipment firms

The Branch has some records for a miscellaneous group of German marine and naval equipment firms.

Records. -- The records, 1939-45 (39 6/12 linear feet), consist of photostatic copies of blueprints, drawings and specifications concerning the construction of mine-sweepers, mine-laying boats, self-propelled barges, landing craft, floating cranes, tank cars, and marine diesel engines.

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7. I.G. Farbenindustrie A.G., Frankfurt am Main

The Interessengemeinschaft Farbenindustrie A.G. came into existence on 2 December 1925 through a merger of the six largest German chemical firms. The firm was active in the fields of chemicals, dyestuffs, explosives, gasoline, light metals, oils, photographic supplies, rubber, and synthetic materials. It was equally prominent in the coal and steel industries.

Records. -- The records of the company cover the period 1928-45 and amount to 7 linear feet of original records and 64 microfilm reels. The original records comprise mainly correspondence between I.G. Farben and agencies of the German Armed Forces and industrial firms in Germany and abroad on research, development and production in the fields of explosives, fuels, lubricants and chemicals. Included are Wehrmacht procurement agencies showing the rate of production of explosives for military use, and the relation of chemical plants to overall production and the war economy. Also included are reports, notes, bulletins and booklets on various subjects, including a plan for the reorganization of the chemical industries in Europe; a study of the German war economy; a review of pre-war dealings of the German armament industry with the Armed Forces; a study of the mineral resources, power supply and the lumber situation in Poland; data on the exploitation of Dutch and Belgian industries; information on the economic situation in various European countries; an evaluation of heavy industries in Norway; a list of the world's magnesium mines and their production capacities; and weekly reports on the German war economy. Special items in the collection include the diary of Andreas Weber of Reyma Reistadtke, A.G., Neuss/Rhein and the biographies of several I.G. Farben officials. The microfilms contain reports prepared by the I.G. Farben Technical Testing Station at Oppau on tests of fuels, lubricants, synthetic materials, and other chemical products.

For other I.G. Farben records, see the description of the records of Axis organizations concerned with the Far East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036, Records of Nazi Cultural and Research Institutions.

For the I.G. Farben materials in the custody of the Hoover Library and Institute and the Library of Congress, see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents.

8. Presse-Illustrationen-Heinrich Hoffmann, Berlin

Heinrich Hoffmann operated a private photography business as well as serving as official photographer of the Nazi Party.

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Records. -- The records of the Hoffmann firm, ca. 1917-45 (350 linear feet), contain 127 albums consisting of about 207,000 photos (mainly 35mm prints), approximately 114,000 glass negatives, and about 1,000 loose photographs. Within the collection are photographs of the revolt in Germany in 1919, the Nuremberg Party Congresses from 1928 to 1938, the Olympic games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Berlin in 1936, the Spanish Civil War, important personalities and events, etc.

9. Wasserbauversuchsanstalt Kochelsee, G.m.b.H., Kochel am See, Bavaria

This experimental station dealt with problems in the field of hydraulics and related subjects, collaborating with other private official institutions engaged in this type of work.

Records. -- The records of the station, 1937-45 (35 linear feet), contain correspondence, reports, directives and other papers dealing with administrative matters; relations with other firms and with universities engaged in research in hydraulics, aerodynamics, electricity, and related sciences; experiments with various types of mechanical equipment; the observation of temperature changes in various types of materials at supersonic speeds; and other matters. Also included are sketches and plans of the Kochelsee plant showing the location of buildings, electrical circuits, laboratories, machine shop, wind tunnels, and other buildings and facilities.

For each of the following German companies, the Departmental Records Branch has only a nominal quantity of documents (usually production reports, trade publications, and general correspondence), the combined total amounting to 43 linear feet and 1 microfilm reel, covering the period 1920-45:

1. Allgemeine Elektrizitätsgesellschaft (For other records, see the description of records of Axis organizations concerned with the Far East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036.)
2. Argus Motoren Gesellschaft G.m.b.H., Berlin
3. Askania Werke A.G., Berlin
4. Bayerische Motorenwerke A.G.
5. Dr. Bender and Dr. Hobein G.m.b.H., Munich
6. Blohm und Voss K.G., Hamburg (Shipbuilders)
7. Daimler-Benz A.G. (Motor vehicles, engines) (Forty-three albums of photographs of the firm are held by the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress.)
8. Deutsche Philips A.G., Aachen
9. Dornier Metallbauten G.m.b.H. (Aircraft manufacturer)
10. Ernst Leitz, Wetzlar
11. Fawcett Elektroindustrie, Berlin



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12. Forschungsinstitut fuer Wasserbau u. Wasserkraft  
(Records include personal name files.)
13. Gebr. Ruhstrat, Goettingen
14. Gerhard Pieseler Werke G.m.b.H., Kassel
15. Greiner & Co., Stettin
16. Halberg Maschinenbau u. Giesserei A.G., Ludwigshafen  
am Rhein
17. Heinkel-Flugzeugwerke, Rostock
18. Hermann Goering Werke (For other H.G. Werke records,  
see (a) particularly the "H" Series among the  
records of the trials held before the twelve U.S.  
Military Tribunals at Nuremberg; (b) the holdings  
of the Berlin Document Center)
19. Hermann Paulsen K.G., Ilmenau/Thuringia
20. Ikaria G.m.b.H. fuer Flugzeugzubehoer, Berlin
21. J.C. Eckhardt A.G., Stuttgart (Precision instruments)
22. J.M. Voith, Heidenheim
23. Jean Wirtz, Duesseldorf
24. Julius Pintsch K.G., Berlin
25. Junkers Flugzeug u. Motorenwerke A.G., Dessau (For  
other records, see the description of records of  
Axis organizations concerned with the Far East in  
Record Group Summary Nr 1036. This firm's library  
is in the custody of the Aeronautics Division,  
Library of Congress.)
26. Knorr-Bremse A.G., Berlin
27. Krupp A.G., Essen (For other records, see the descrip-  
tion of records of Axis organizations concerned with  
the Far East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036.)
28. MAN Werk, Augsburg
29. Marx und Traube
30. Max Purrmann, Duesseldorf-Grofenberg
31. Max Tischer & Co., Ilmenau/Thuringia
32. Motorenfabrik A.G., Darmstadt
33. Pateba, Vienna (Records consist mainly of a file of  
catalog cards pertaining to patents registered in the  
German Patent Office by individuals and firms in North  
America and Europe, principally Germany.)
34. Peritrix Chemische Fabrik A.G., Berlin
35. Philips Forschungslaboratorium
36. Rheinmetall-Borsig A.G., Duesseldorf (Steel and steel  
products) (For other records, see the description of  
records of Axis organizations concerned with the Far  
East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036.)
37. Siemens-Schuckert A.G., Berlin (Electrical equipment)  
(For other records, see the description of records of  
Axis organizations concerned with the Far East in  
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38. Spindler & Hoyer G.m.b.H., Goettingen
39. Stassfurter Rundfunk G.m.b.H., Goettingen
40. Dr. Theodor Schuchardt, G.m.b.H., Goerlitz
41. Telefunken G.m.b.H., Berlin
42. Vereinigte Deutsche Metallwerke A.G., Hildesheim
43. Vereinigte Leichtmetallwerke, Hannover (For other records,  
see the description of records of Axis organizations  
concerned with the Far East in Record Group Summary  
Nr 1036.)
44. Wilhelm Schmidding, Apparate u. Maschinenbau, Bodenbach/  
Elbe (For other records, see the description of records  
of Axis organizations concerned with the Far East in  
Record Group Summary Nr 1036.)
45. Wintershall A.G., Werke Lutzkendorf, Krumpa bei Merseburg  
(whose records also contain personnel files of engineers  
and scientists employed by the company, experimental  
data, and reports of results of research projects  
carried out by the company)

Also included in this record group are the records of the Austrian  
firm, Alpine Montanbetriebe (1 microfilm reel), the originals of which  
were returned in February 1952 to the firm's successor, Vereinigte  
Oesterreichische Eisen-u. Stahlwerke A.G. of Linz; and the records  
(nominal amounts) of two Dutch firms: (1) N.V. Werf Gusto, Schiedam; and  
(2) Nederlandsch Scheepsbouwkundig Proefstation, Wageningen. The records  
of the Dutch firms contain correspondence, drawings, price lists, cata-  
logs, and advertising matter, 1920-45.

For records of other private German firms, as well as records of  
private Japanese firms, see the description of records of Axis organi-  
zations concerned with the Far East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036.

DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS BRANCH, TAGO

Record Group Summary Nr. 1041

RECORDS OF PRIVATE GERMAN INDIVIDUALS  
1906 - 1944

Within this record group are the papers of Karl Haushofer, Dr. Walter Luetgebrune, and Dr. Theodore Morell.

Haushofer Collection

Karl Haushofer was born in Munich, Germany on 27 August 1869. He served in the Bavarian Army from 1887 to 1918. For five years he taught military history at the War Academy. He made numerous trips to the Far and Near East. He became an authority on geography and geopolitics.

Records. -- The Collection, covering the period 1906-44 (about 108 linear feet), consists of Haushofer's personal correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and his library containing books and periodicals (about 800 items).

Papers of Dr. Walter Luetgebrune

Dr. Luetgebrune was a member of the law firm of Luetgebrune and Smend of Goettingen, Germany.

Records. -- The Luetgebrune papers, 1918-33 (10½ linear feet), comprise case files pertaining to various trials in which Luetgebrune was the defense lawyer. The files (rarely complete) comprise correspondence, legal briefs and clippings from newspapers and law journals. The trials of the following individuals and organizations are among the Luetgebrune papers:

German war criminals of World War I (Leipzig trials)  
Hans Rustert and Karl Oehlschlaeger, accused of the attempted murder of Philipp Scheidemann, Oberburgermeister of Cassel  
Wolfgang von Kapp and others (including General Freiherr von Luttwitz and Admiral von Trotha) involved in the so-called "Kapp Putsch" to overthrow the Weimar Republic  
Erich Ludendorff in a suit against Graf Stanislaus zu Dohna-Schlodien  
Marburg University students  
Organisation Consul, a secret military group  
SS and SA men who committed acts of terror in Silesia  
Ernst-Werner Techow and others implicated in the assassination of Walther Rathenau, Foreign Minister of the Weimar Republic

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Papers of Dr. Theodore Morell

Dr. Morell was personal physician to Adolf Hitler.

Records. -- The Morell papers, 1937-44 (9 linear feet), contain private and professional correspondence, notes, and data concerning his private practice in Berlin.

DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS BRANCH, TAGO

Record Group Summary Nr. 1043

RECORDS OF  
FORMER GERMAN AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES  
1890 - 1945

The records of thirteen embassies and consulates for the period 1890-1945 (about 98 linear feet and 7 microfilm reels) are represented in this group.

Records of the following German embassies and consulates are comprised within this record group:

## 1. China

## a. Hankow Consulate

Records, ca. 1890-1945 (10 linear feet), consist of correspondence and other papers.

## b. Tsingtau Consulate

Records, 1926-45 (3 1/2 linear feet), comprise correspondence and other papers dealing with the activities of German schools in China, the arrival and departure of German ships in Chinese ports, commercial trade between Germany and China, financial assistance to German students, marriage of German citizens, reports on Chinese industries, and statistics on Chinese imports and exports.

## 2. Italy

## a. Naples Consulate

Records, 1926-43 (1 document and 7 microfilm reels), contain correspondence, reports, directives and other papers dealing with applications for visas for travel to Germany, marriage regulations for Germans residing in Italy, acquisition of a building in Naples to house the Consulate, German schools in the Naples Consular District, publicity for German language training programs, financial assistance to needy Germans, attendance at German national holiday celebrations in foreign countries, activities of German instructors teaching the German language in Italy, hiring of Italians for work in Germany, passport and visa matters, and paternity cases involving German mothers and Italian fathers. The originals of the materials on microfilm were returned to the Federal Republic of Germany in October 1955.

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## b. Rome Embassy

Records, August 1926, 1938-44 (2 documents), consist of correspondence with the German Foreign Office regarding the dissemination of information from German newspapers and magazines in Italy; excerpts from the British press listing anti-German propaganda topics; a report regarding the status of the Italian Army in 1926; data on the activities of the Rome correspondent of *Tijd* of Amsterdam; and a card file (11 cards) of Italian newspapers and periodicals, giving name of editor, attitude toward Germany and other related information.

## 3. Japan

## Yokohama Consulate

Records, 1929-45 (3 documents), consist of correspondence.

## 4. The Netherlands

## a. Heerlen Consulate

Records, 1931-38 (4 documents), comprise correspondence with Dutch and German authorities, reports and directives concerning assistance to destitute Germans for their return to Germany, applications for ballots for the 10 April 1938 plebiscite for use by German citizens residing in the Netherlands, and administrative directives and propaganda material received from the German Foreign Office.

## b. Maastricht Consulate

Records, 1919-1930 (2 documents), consist of correspondence, directives, reports, and other papers relating to Dutch military maneuvers, cultural and athletic events, refusal of visas for entry into or travel through Germany for foreigners considered undesirable, and administrative matters.

## 5. Rumania

## Bucharest Embassy

Records, 1939-44 (40 linear feet), comprise personal name files of German nationals, ethnic Germans, Czech, Austrians and Rumanians. These files deal with passports and visas, residential permits, naturalization, expatriation, repatriation, financial assistance, paternity suits and genealogical research.

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In this record group are the records of the following Japanese embassies and consulates:

## 1. Austria

## Vienna Legation

Records, 1921-45 (2 linear feet), contain passport and visa applications; copies of letters of introduction to Austrian firms and organizations issued to Japanese educators, technicians, and businessmen; copy of the 1922 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation signed by Japan and the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes; requests from Austrians seeking employment in Japan; and materials on inspections by the International Red Cross of POW and civilian internment camps in Japan, cultural relations between Austria and Japan, exports and imports, official and social relations with other legations in Vienna, the procurement of newspapers, periodicals and books, and other matters. These records are in the English, French, German and Japanese languages.

## 2. Germany

## Berlin Embassy

Records, 1928-44 (9 linear feet), consist of correspondence, a card file on Embassy personnel, and other papers. The records are in the Japanese language.

For other documents of Japanese embassies and consulates and for the papers of embassies and consulates of Manchukuo, former Japanese puppet State, see the records of Axis Organizations concerned with the Far East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036, Records of Nazi Cultural and Research Institutions.

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Record Group Summary Nr. 1045

### GERMAN AND RUSSIAN MAP COLLECTION 1939 - 1945

The largest part of the Map Collection, 1939-45 (1175 linear feet), consists of situation maps of various scales showing the day by day changes in German military operations on all fronts. The following types of maps are also included:

Comparison Maps (Gegenueberstellungskarte), Scale - 1:500,000, constituting air reconnaissance maps showing the disposition of German and Russian forces on the Eastern front.

Air Reconnaissance Maps (Luftaufklaerungsergebnissekarte), Scale - 1:1,000,000, containing information about installations and the movement of equipment on the Eastern front.

Red Army Situation Maps (Lage der Roten Armee), Scale - 1:1,000,000, showing the disposition of Russian troops.

Railroad Information Maps (Eisenbahnerkundung), Scale - 1:1,000,000, showing the location of destruction of railroads and railroad equipment on the Eastern front.

Variety of situation maps, various scales, describing the changes in German and enemy (including partisan) operations on all fronts.

Russian situation maps, Scale - 1:200,000, prepared by the Russian military forces, showing Russian military operations on the Eastern front.

German Army Maps (Deutsche Heereskarte), various scales, comprising unmarked topographical maps for all parts of Europe.

For other similar cartographic materials, see the war diaries of German operational units described in Record Group Summary Nr. 1030, Records of German Army Field Commands.

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COLLECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS  
1869 - 1950

This collection, covering the period 1869-1950 (ca. 1350 linear feet), consists of books, periodicals, newspapers, and other printed literature, which are largely in the German language but also are in the languages of many other countries. The collection contains the following groups of materials:

1. Library of books, ca. 1869-1945 (1005 linear feet), comprising literature on a wide variety of subjects, including German military matters and the Nazi Party.
2. Periodicals, 1925-45 (110 linear feet), dealing with such topics as agriculture, arts and sciences, education, military matters, the Nazi Party, politics, propaganda, sports, etc.
3. Newspapers and official gazettes, 1914-48 (230 linear feet). Included in this group are German daily newspapers, newspapers issued by German military units, foreign newspapers, and such official gazettes as the Reichsgesetzblaetter, SS Verordnungsblaetter, etc.
4. Miscellaneous official aviation pamphlets, periodicals and newspapers, 1909-50 (5 6/12 linear feet). This group consists of official aviation literature issued by various European and South American countries and are printed in the language of the country concerned.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1048

MISCELLANEOUS GERMAN RECORDS COLLECTION  
1892 - 1945

The Miscellaneous German Records Collection was originally set up by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, to contain (a) documents whose archival origin was obscure or of no immediate concern to that agency, and (b) the records of German offices, the documentation of which was so fragmentary as not to warrant separate arrangement by fonds or series. To give this heterogeneous body of records some unity and cohesion, a German military file classification scheme known as the Einheitsaktemplan (EAP)\* was adopted and expanded, and the records in this collection were arranged arbitrarily according to this numeric-subject scheme without regard to Provenienzprinzip.

Records. -- The records in this collection, 1933-1945, with some records for the period 1892-1932 (1162 linear feet), are arranged according to the following subject pattern:

## Political Affairs (EAP 1-10)

This group comprises materials concerning: The governmental structure of the Third Reich; events leading to the resignation of Defense Minister Wilhelm Groener, legislation on internal affairs, public health, state control over agriculture and forestry, war regulations governing the German economy, settlement policies in East European areas annexed by Germany, the social and economic status of ethnic Germans in Eastern Europe, the organizational structure of the German Army, the organization and administration of the National Socialist Guidance Program in the Wehrmacht, military censorship, customs and passport regulations, international law as applied to the rules of warfare, German-Italian educational cooperation, personnel administration of German diplomatic staffs in foreign countries, Russian atrocities committed against German POW's, the French economy during the German occupation, measures to prevent self-mutilation in the Armed Forces, the removal of archives from war zones in Germany, air raid

\*This scheme was published by the German Army in a manual entitled Einheitsaktemplan (EAP) fuer (a) Das Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, (b) Das Oberkommando des Heeres, und Unterstellte Dienststellen (H.Dv.2), n.p., 1943, 263p. The Captured Records Section of DAB has made a complete translation of this volume (see The Unified Documents System for (a) the Armed Forces High Command, (b) the Army High Command, and Subordinate Offices, November 1949, 351p.).

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protection measures, civil defense preparations, the dispersal of governmental offices, and other matters. The following items are also included: Notes on the meeting between Sir Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler at Munich on 30 September 1938 dated 1 October 1938, 11 pages, authorship unknown (EAP2-m/4); photostatic copies of personal correspondence of the Reich Finance Minister, Graf Schwerin von Krosigk, 1942-45, largely with other Reich ministers (EAP 1-k-17/3g-1); personal papers of Ritter Franz von Epp, 1918-44 (EAP 1-e-16/1-4); minutes of conferences of officials of the Reichskolonialbund; files of the Southeastern European Society (Suedost-europa Gesellschaft); reports on the military preparedness of the Soviet Union during the period 1939-40; files of the German Embassy in Paris and German Consulates in Athens and Tunis; and appeals against sterilization orders of the Hereditary Health Courts.

#### Organization and Management (EAP 11-20)

In this group are materials covering the organizational and functional structure of various military agencies, mobilization preparations, economic mobilization measures, conscription and recruitment, army service for ethnic Germans and foreign nationals, manpower situation in the Wehrmacht, deferment of medical and other personnel, plans of action to meet emergencies arising out of internal disturbances or the landing of enemy paratroopers, defense against espionage and sabotage, military security, standing operating procedures for regimental and battalion headquarters, military discipline and courtmartial procedures, marriage regulations for active service personnel, army motor traffic, the Army Postal System, the training and handling of army horses, the administration of alien property, and other matters. Also included are TO & E charts of German Army units, the German Municipal Code, Admiral Doenitz's appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy on 30 January 1943, and military telephone directories.

#### Personnel Matters (EAP 21-33)

Materials in this group concern the administration of officer personnel and civilian employees, officers' efficiency ratings, codes of conduct for officers, officer candidates, Armed Forces civilian officials (Beamte), activation of the Volksturm, chemical warfare training for women auxiliaries in France, specialized training courses for soldiers, morale and spiritual guidance for the soldier, the operation of service clubs and canteens, rest and rehabilitation programs, award of decorations, graves registration, political indoctrination of soldiers, evaluation of experiences gained in the Russian campaigns, employment of POW's in agriculture and the employment of German and non-German laborers, and other matters. Also included are assignment rosters of general officers, a list of all General Staff Corps officers, personnel rosters of Wehrkreis XII, war journals of some small units, and the personal papers of certain German and Italian officers and officials, including Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg, General Mario Caracciolo (Commanding General of the Italian Fifth Army), General Werner von Fritsch, Joseph Goebbels, Field Marshal Robert von Greim, General Franz Halder, Heinrich Himmler, General Alfred Jodl, Field Marshal Wilhelm von Leeb, Franz von Papen, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, and

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Julius Streicher. For a detailed description of the papers of most of these individuals, see Departmental Records Branch, Checklist of the Personal Papers of Officers of the German Army, Air Force, and SS, February 1951, 31p.

#### Recruitment and Placement, Training Tactics (EAP 34-38)

In this group are documentary materials dealing with maneuvers; specialized military training; tactical doctrine; anti-tank, desert, partisan and winter warfare; reviews of combat action; the construction and maintenance of field fortifications; the formation of Volksgrenadier divisions; combat training in the Red Army; traffic control in combat zones; educational materials authorized for use in the Armed Forces; off-duty study materials available to soldiers; and other information.

#### Specialists Branches (EAP 39-57)

This group contains data on the construction of the Siegfried Line (Westwall), the build-up of defense lines in Western Germany to stop the advancing Allied armies, fortifications built in Italy, specifications for permanent type fortifications, activities of the Todt Organization, international and national air traffic regulations, visual communications between aircraft and ground organizations, civil defense exercises and civil defense measures in German industry, the construction of air raid shelters, measures against incendiary bombs, experiences during World War I with gases, the protection of rail lines against air raids and sabotage, the production and distribution of new railway equipment, the activities of German Army railway companies, analyses of the performance of railroads as an integral part of the German war machine, the utilization and maintenance of waterways and highways in Europe, flood and ice conditions on navigable rivers and lakes, preparations for the destruction of land and water transportation facilities as a means of delaying the advance of the Allied armies in Germany, a program of the improvement of Danube River navigation, the construction and maintenance of roads by army engineers, procedures for using aerial photos in army mapping projects, preventive maintenance of motor vehicles during winter months and in extreme climates, control over and the distribution of automotive fuels, the development of military signal communications, telephone and telegraph facilities in Germany, research on high frequency communications, the training and use of dogs and carrier pigeons, diets for personnel serving in tropical countries, the control of brothels in occupied countries, Russian preparation for bacteriological warfare, the administration of military hospitals, and other matters. Also included are climatic maps of Eastern Europe issued by the Reich Weather Bureau in 1942, correspondence regarding the 1938-39 German Antarctic Expedition, reports on experience gained during Allied air raids, and some Italian Air Ministry records.

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Fiscal, Finance, Accounting, and Administrative Matters (EAP 58-63)

This group contains documentary materials dealing with the pay and allowances of military personnel, allotments and support payments to families of service personnel, settlement of claims against the government for losses suffered in air raids, food rationing, preparation of food, protection of foods against chemical warfare agents, hygiene and sanitation in troop quarters, specifications for water supply systems at army installations, and other matters. Also included are 1938 and 1939 reports on the Ernst Schaefer expedition to Tibet, and files of the Seven Hedin Institute of Munich.

Procurement, Industry, Armament, Vehicles, and Research (EAP 64-95)

The major portion of the records in this group comprises studies covering the industry, economy and raw materials of Germany, Russia and other countries throughout the world. The studies were prepared by the Statistisches Reichsamt, Reichsstelle fuer Bodenforschung, Institut fuer Weltwirtschaft an der Universitaet Kiel, Suedosteuropa Gesellschaft, Gmelin Institute, and I.G. Farben.

Also included are materials on the procurement and distribution of clothing and equipment for the Armed Forces; the acquisition, storage, and distribution and use of various items of military supply; the capacity and output of various plants under contract with the Armed Forces; plans for the evacuation of defense plants in areas within easy reach of Allied bombers; the development of guided missiles; the production of radar, sound and flash equipment; the administration of research projects for the Armed Forces by various universities; inventions and patents; the utilization of the French industry by the German occupation authorities; tables of equipment for various military units; and other matters.

EAP 96-117, 164, 170-175

This portion of the Miscellaneous German Records Collection constitutes the American expansion of the German Einheitsaktenplan, no subject headings being provided, use having been made solely of the EAP numbering style to control fugitive items and fragmentary series.

Included in this group are the following series and items:

(1) Letters to Adolf Hitler from Party members concerning Party activities, political situations and other matters, 1920-23, 1 linear foot.

(2) Verbatim court proceedings of the trial of Adolf Hitler by the State of Bavaria, 26 February-1 April 1924 (EAP 105/7).

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(3) Papers dealing with the July 1944 plot against Hitler, July-August 1944, 2 linear feet (EAP 105/120-134), including lists of individuals involved in the plot, proceedings of the Peoples Court (Volksgerichtshof) which tried the offenders, orders issued by the conspirators, photographs showing the destruction caused by the bomb explosion, reports of the Security Police (Sicherheitsdienst) of public reaction to the plot, and Gestapo reports on individuals involved in the plot.

(4) Verbatim minutes of conferences between Hitler and members of the German Armed Forces High Command, including in many cases the original stenographic notes, December 1942-March 1945, 2 linear feet. Translations of most of these minutes may be found in Felix Gilbert, ed., Hitler Directs His War, New York, 1950, 187p.

(5) Copy of Heinz Linge's record of Hitler's schedule of appointments for the periods 11 August-30 December 1943 and 14 October 1944-28 February 1945 (EAP 105/19a). The original of the schedule for the period 11 August-30 December 1943 is in the National Archives, while the original of the remaining schedule is in the custody of the British Government.

(6) Report in French (authorship unknown) of the rescue of Mussolini by SS Captain Otto Skorzeny, 1944, 26p., typed (EAP 112).

(7) Records of Branch 1 of the Staff Office of the Reich Marshal of Greater Germany (Reichsmarschall des Grossdeutschen Reiches, Stabsamt, Abteilung 1), 1938-39, 1941-43, 1 linear foot (EAP 104/1-5). The records cover many of Goering's activities. Among the topics covered are the exploitation of the occupied territories in East and West Europe, German oil needs and supplies, black market operations in the occupied territories, rationing problems, relations with Germany's satellites, the economic exploitation of the occupied areas, and other matters.

(8) Records of the Office of the Reich Commissioner for the Restoration of Austria to Germany (Reichskommissar fuer die Wiedervereinigung Oesterreichs mit dem Deutschen Reich), 1938-40, about 3 linear feet (EAP 106/1-20). These records concern the administration of Vienna, the relations of Austrian Nazis with the Nazi Party of Hungary, the activities of the Gestapo in Austria, general arrest problems, conscription, the activities of religious groups and political parties, problems of minorities, and other matters. Included are copies of some official correspondence of the former President of Austria, Wilhelm Miklas, 1933-34, 1936.

(9) Schuschnigg materials, August 1938-December 1939, 2 documents (EAP 107/1, 2). These materials comprise (a) letters and postcards to Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, former Chancellor of Austria, while imprisoned, sending good wishes, requesting autographs, and discussing politics; and (b) medical reports on the state of his health. The materials were formerly a part of the holdings of the Staatspolizeistelle of Vienna.



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(10) Correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, transcripts of radio broadcasts and other papers prepared or collected by the Anti-Comintern, Russian Branch (Anti-Komintern, Abteilung Sowjet-Union), 1919-45, 12 linear feet (EAP 116).

(11) Engineer records of the General der Pioniere u. Festungen, Heereswaffenamt, Organisation Todt and private German firms concerning engineer and fortress engineer equipment, use of flame throwers, mine detectors, bridge construction equipment, and other matters, 1935-44, 1/2 linear foot (EAP 121).

(12) German concentration camp records, including registers and card file, 1937-45, 220 linear feet (EAP 164).

(13) Prisoner of war records, comprising administrative records of German PW camps, a card file of American PW's, and German interrogations of Russian PW's, 33 linear feet (EAP 97).

(14) Card file of German scientists, about 2 linear feet.

(15) Correspondence, reports, directives and other papers of German industrial plants dealing with the physical protection of plants, materials, and personnel against sabotage, espionage and other hazards, 1937-45, 1/2 linear feet (EAP 98).

(16) Records of the Association of Precision and Optical Instruments Manufacturers (Wirtschaftsgruppe Feinmechanik u. Optik) consisting of directives, circulars, reports and other papers relating to the development and manufacture of precision tools, surgical and dental instruments, and photographic equipment, 1940-45, 4 linear feet (EAP 109).

(17) Lists of identification tags and changes thereto submitted by various army units to the Wehrmachtsauskunftstelle fuer Kriegsverluste u. Kriegsgefangene in Berlin, 1939-45, 1/2 linear feet (EAP 110).

(18) About 2800 4" x 6" printed cards prepared by the Political Quotations Service of the Ernst Droscher Publishing Co. of Berlin (Politischer Zitatendienst, Ernst Droscher Verlag), 1944, 1 linear foot (EAP 114). The cards contain quotations of German and non-German statesmen, politicians, writers, military officers and others. The sources date back as far as the 18th Century.

(19) Miscellaneous original records of German origin received from the Office of the United States Chief of Counsel for War Crimes/OCCWC at Nuremberg, 150 linear feet. These records had been seized for possible use in the war crimes trials but eventually no need was expressed for them. In origin the records derive from many German ministries, military organizations and private firms and persons.

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(20) Materials collected by the International Biographic Archives (Internationales Biographisches Archiv) of Berlin containing reports from the German News Service (Deutsches Nachrichtenbuero) and other sources on national and international political developments, military engagements during World War II, cultural affairs, and other information.

(21) Printed bulletins containing German language summaries of Polish newspaper editorials dealing with the Polish independence movement, political developments in Poland and in other countries, Polish economy, and other phases of Polish life, 1917-35, 2 1/2 linear feet.

(22) Records of the German Association for Photogrammetry (Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Photogrammetrie e.V. Zentralflyhghaven), 2 linear feet.

(23) Reports, survey charts, blueprints, maps and other papers concerning the construction, maintenance and improvement of the Mesurian and Memel Canals, 1908-39, 16 linear feet.

(24) Military and civilian telephone directories, 1933-44, 25 linear feet. Included are (a) directories of military headquarters in Germany and in occupied Belgium, Croatia and France; and (b) telephone directories of cities in Germany, Austria and a few other European countries. Also included are some city directories.

(25) The "EW" Collection, about 19 1/2 linear feet. The collection comprises reproductions of seized documents found for the most part in the Captured Records Section (but also a few items in the custody of the State Department). The documents contain largely intelligence information on the Soviet Union.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1049LIBRARY OF GERMAN MICROFILMS AND SLIDES  
1870-1945

In this record group are reproductions (880 microfilm reels and 76 slides) of German records, the originals of which have never been in the Branch custody.

Some records of the following organizations are included:

1. Reichswirtschaftsministerium: Records, 1934-45 (ML/414 through 460), comprise studies and reports on agriculture, industry, mining and the economy in general in many European countries. Also there are some reports on partisans in the Balkans.
2. Reichsverteidigungsrat: Records, 1930-39 (ML/82, 312-315), consist of reports, correspondence, minutes and orders.
3. Abwehrnebenstelle, Bremen: Records, 1922-29, 1935-45 (ML/101, 150-229), constitute reports, dossiers and other papers.
4. Wehrmacht Akademie: Records, May 1936 (ML/100), consist of lectures on German failures in World War I.
5. Generalquartiermeister, OKH: Records, 22 June 1941-March 1945 (ML/301), comprise monthly casualty reports of the German Army, Navy and Air Force.
6. Fremde Heere Ost, OKH, Abteilung IIc: Records, 1941-45 (ML/339-380), consist mainly of order of battle data for echelons on all levels within the Soviet Army. There are also data on Russian military personnel (including photographs) and on Russian field post numbers.
7. Luftwaffen Fuehrungsstab Ic: Records, 1939-45 (ML/230-257) consist predominantly of target data (with aerial photographs and maps) covering the Soviet Union mainly but also Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Hungary. Also included are order of battle data on the Russian Air Force; evaluations of Allied reports on German plane production; aerial combat reports; data on air force personnel of Finland, Greece, Russia, Sweden and Yugoslavia; reports of air attacks on German industries; and General Karl Kroll's study, "Space in Aerial Warfare."

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8. AOK 20 (Geb.), Ia: Records, 1-31 March 1945 (ML/26), consist of the Appendix to the Army's war diary.

The following series and items are also in this record group:

1. Fuehrer Befehle, 1940-43 (ML/40).
2. Medical reports on Hitler, 15 May and 1 August 1935, 20 May 1936, and 20 July-30 December 1944 (ML/125, 125a, 131).
3. Some records pertaining to the July 1944 plot to assassinate Hitler (ML/42).
4. Many German Army manuals on a wide variety of subjects.
5. German Army personnel records, including pay books, identification cards, and clothing cards (ML/6).
6. Indexes to German military identification tags, July 1944-January 1945 (ML/761, 762, 770-772, 774-781), showing serial numbers, names of combat units, and home addresses.
7. Intelligence reports on the Russian field post numbering system, Russian industrial development, and Soviet airborne troops.
8. Copies of Russian leaflets calling on German troops to surrender (ML/14).
9. German newspapers published in occupied Holland, 1940-44 (ML/5).
10. Publications of the Zentrale fuer Wissenschaftliches Berichtswesen d. Luftfahrtforschung des Generalfliegermeisters (ML/278, 279).
11. Report on the total German casualties suffered during World War II, May 1945 (ML/145).
12. Materials on the surrender of the German Military Forces to the Allies.
13. Meteorological reports of the weather station at Schkenditz, Germany, 1941-44 (ML/729).
14. Descriptions of fortifications on the Island of Helgoland, 15 July 1936, 1 January 1942 (ML/888, 895).

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15. Lists of American soldiers and officers buried in cemeteries in Germany, 1944-45 (ML/952-954).

16. Lists of American soldiers in Stalags, 1944-45 (ML/950-956).

17. Lists of members of the Nazi Party outside Germany (ML/105-120).

18. Reports on the iron and coal industries in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dutch East Indies, Finland, Hungary, Japan, Manchuria, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Turkey and Yugoslavia, 1940-44 (ML/913-924, 936).

19. Copies of the periodical, Das Archiv, 1934, 1936-1943 (with gaps) (ML/65, 66, 78, 95, 925, 927-931, 933-935).

20. Blank military forms (ML/802-879).

21. Personal papers of Albert Speer, 1942-45 (ML/38, 280-294, 319-333).

22. Goebbels' diary, 1942-43 (ML/654).

23. Papers of General Wilhelm Groener, 1870-1938 (ML/1013-1039), consisting of correspondence, diaries and notebooks, essays, lectures, studies, etc. Groener played a prominent part during World War I and, before the advent of Hitler, held several ministerial posts (Defense, Communications, Interior, Transport).

24. General Erwin Lahousen diary, 14 April 1941-3 August 1943 (ML/1042). During part of World War II, Lahousen was Chief of Abwehr II of OKW.

25. Hans Frank diary, 1940-44 (ML/382). Frank was Governor General of Poland during World War II.

26. Records of the Krupp firm, 1921, 1926, 1931, 1938-44 (ML/384-413, 480-492), comprising research data and descriptions of products manufactured during World War II.

27. Records of Firma Wilhelm Schmidding, 1939-45 (ML/136-138, 760, 763-765, 767-768).

28. Group of records in the Italian language, 1938-44 (ML/659-661, 673, 684, 693, 698, 701, 703, 710, 713, 887), comprising reports of the Italian Foreign Minister; congratulatory letters to Marshal Badoglio on his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Army; plans for

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Italian 90-mm guns; data on electrical power plants in Sicily, on Italian and Albanian beaches, and on Italian gun construction and specifications; a supplement to Guida di Milano; a study of the terrain of the Central Apennines; a card file on Italian military personalities; and telephone directories for many Italian cities.

MISCELLANEOUS GERMAN PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS  
1916, 1938-1944

The following groups of photographic materials (29.18 linear feet) are comprised within this record group:

1. The Ribbentrop Albums

The photographs in these albums, no dates (about 12 linear feet), illustrate the career of Joachim von Ribbentrop who was the last German Foreign Minister of Nazi Germany. The set appears to be a personal one compiled for Ribbentrop. Included in the albums are photographs of members of his family and friends. This set of albums is incomplete; the Audio-Visual Records Branch of the National Archives having the remaining portion of the set.

2. Hitler - Goering Photographs

A group of miscellaneous photographs, no dates (about 1 linear foot), mainly of Adolf Hitler but also of Hermann Goering.

3. Apparently not Waffen SS Albums

This group of photographs, 1943-44, consists of nine albums of 35mm contact prints showing German and non-German volunteer members of units of the Wehrmacht and Waffen SS as they were photographed while undergoing training, taking part in the occupation of Poland, France, Russia, and the Balkan countries, and while engaged in combat.

4. Current News Materials

This group consists of four metal boxes each containing fifty 35mm strips, produced by the Propaganda Section of the Main Office of the Nazi Party and by the Hitler Youth Organization, comprising (1) weekly news reports on military and political events, and (2) training aids depicting significant events in German political and cultural history. The materials cover the years 1938 to 1941.

5. Miscellaneous Items

This group consists of (1) an album of photographs, dated 1916, taken by members of a Bavarian artillery unit during the struggle at Verdun, France, during World War I; and (2) an album of photographs, dated 23 September 1941, taken at a German Air Officers' club at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of entry into service of an air force captain.

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COLLECTION OF RECORDS SEIZED IN KOREA  
1921 - 1952

The records in this group comprise materials that were seized at various times by United States military forces during the hostilities in Korea in the years 1950 to 1953.

Records. -- The records, 1921-52 (1128 linear feet), comprise correspondence, office files, personnel files, printed materials (i.e. books, periodicals, newspapers), bulletins, and photographs. These materials cover a wide variety of subjects, including (but not limited to) aeronautics, agriculture, Chinese People's Volunteer Army in Korea, classical and modern literature, history and activities of the Communist Party, construction projects, economics, engineering, geography, industry, Korean-Russian trade, life in the Soviet Union and in Soviet satellite countries in Europe, mathematics, medicine, motion pictures, navigation, North Korean courts, North Korean Army, politics, propaganda, sociology, and the United Nations' Forces in Korea. Most of the records pertain to the Soviet Union and North Korea. Although the largest part of the records are in the Russian and Korean languages, there are materials in the Bulgarian, Chinese, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian and Polish languages also.

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MISCELLANEOUS RUSSIAN RECORDS COLLECTION  
1870 - 1947

This collection, covering the period 1870-1947 (193 linear feet and 6 reels) contains the following five groups of records:

1. "Russian Section" Documents,\* 1870-1947 (133 linear feet), consisting largely of publications but also including correspondence, reports, and other papers dealing with the industrial economy, political organization, scientific research, and the military forces of the Soviet Union.
2. Soviet Personality File (10 linear feet), comprising photographs and other documentation for about 2,000 Soviet citizens, most of whom gained prominence during World War II.
3. Russian Photographic Files (11 linear feet), containing about 5,300 photographs of bridges, canals, cities, industrial plants in the Soviet Union. Industries shown include, among others, automobile, cement, chemical, electrical equipment, lumber, mining, power, and tractor.
4. Russian Slides (about 5,500 slides), showing (a) landscapes in the Soviet Union, including canals, cities, lakes, mountains, rivers, and the steppes; (b) objects related to agriculture, history, industrial plants, and the natural sciences; and (c) various scenes in Africa and Europe.
5. Microfilms (6 reels) containing views of terrain, industry, farms, cities, waterways, and the Ural, Crimean, Caucasus, Tien-Shan, Pamir and Kibinsky Mountains.

\*The term "Russian Section" is one arbitrarily applied to this group of records for purposes of identification. The term has no reference to a particular organization, either German or Russian.

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RECORDS OF  
THE SOVIET PURCHASING COMMISSION IN PRAGUE  
1936 - 1941

In 1936, the People's Commissariat for Foreign Trade (Narodnyy Komissariat po Vneshney Torgovle) of the Soviet Union established the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Prague (Torgovoye Predstavitel'stvo SSSR v Prage) to handle all business transactions between the Trade Representations in Moscow and Czech industrial enterprises in Czechoslovakia. The Commission set up its main office in Prague but it also maintained a branch office in Berlin. The Commission ceased functioning in 1941.

Records. -- The records of the Commission, 1936-41 (49 linear feet), consist mainly of business correspondence concerning the purchase of goods, principally machinery and machine parts from Czech firms, notably the Skoda Works. The records also contain (a) commercial papers, such as export orders and requests, export and import permits, and shipping papers and forms; (b) papers incident to operations, such as manufacturing standards, inspection and acceptance procedures, and documents dealing with the problems of administration and finance; and (c) visual illustrations, such as photographs, blueprints and technical drawings. The records are written in the German, Czech and Russian languages.

For a detailed description of the Commission's records, see German Military Documents Section, Catalog of the Records of the Soviet Purchasing Commission, November 1949, 46p.

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RECORDS OF THE  
ALL-UNION COMMUNIST PARTY, SMOLENSK DISTRICT  
1917 - 1941

The Smolensk District of the All-Union Communist Party (Vsesoyuznaya Kommunisticheskaya Partiya) was originally part of the Western District. The latter district was eventually divided into three separate districts-- Smolensk, Kalinin, and Orel.

Records. -- The records of the Smolensk District, 1917-41 (28 linear feet), consist of directives, official and unofficial correspondence between individuals and between communist party organizations and agencies, editorials and other clippings from magazines and newspapers, interrogations and investigations, membership lists, personnel files containing biographical data, proceedings of meetings, questionnaires on various subjects, reports, and resolutions. For a general description of the majority of the records, see Professor Merle Fainsod, "The Smolensk Archives, A Selective Index to Items of Principal Interest," September 1954, 40p. This index was prepared for the Rand Corporation.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1057COLLECTION OF POLISH RECORDS  
1887 - 1939

The records in this collection comprise manuscript and printed materials (30 linear feet), as follows:

1. Geodetic journals and survey notebooks, 1929-39 (18 linear feet), containing data obtained through extensive field surveys of Poland. The surveys were conducted by the Military Geographic Institute (Wojskowy Instytut Geograficzny), the Ministry of Communications (Ministerstwo Komunikacji), and the Ministry of Public Utilities (Ministerstwo Robot Publicznych).
2. Geological books, periodicals and maps (mostly 1:10,000 and 1:100,000), 1887-1908 (1½ linear feet), published by the Academy of Science, Commission on Physiography in Cracow (Wydawnictwo Komisji Fizjograficznej, Akademii Umiejetnosci w Krakowie).
3. Archeological books and periodicals, 1926-38 (1 linear foot), published by the National Archeological Museum of Warsaw (Panstwowy Muzeum Archeologiczny).
4. Statistical books and periodicals, 1931-38 (3 linear feet), published by the Central Statistical Office of Poland (Glowny Urzad Statystyczny Rzeczypospolitej Polskie).
5. Miscellaneous books, periodicals and newspapers, various dates (5½ linear feet), dealing with matters relating to Polish history and literature.

The materials in this collection are in the Polish language except for a few publications issued by the University of Cracow on Polish history, which are in the Latin language.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1058RECORDS OF THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES  
1935 - 1943

The structure of the Italian Armed Forces remained basically the same from October 1922, when an all-Fascist government under Benito Mussolini came to power, until the end of World War II in 1945.

Mussolini, the Leader of Fascism (Duce del Fascismo) and the Head of the Government (Capo del Governo), was also the Minister of War, Navy and Air. After Italy's entry into the war, in June 1940, Mussolini also assumed the title of Commander-in-Chief of all forces on all fronts. The Departments of War, Navy and Air were headed by Under Secretaries who were also the Chiefs of Staff of their respective services. Operationally, Mussolini's deputies were, successively, Marshals Badoglio and Cavallero and General Ambrosio. The latter also served as the Chief of the Supreme General Staff (Stato Maggiore Generale) and as the Chief of the High Command (Commando Supremo).

The High Command comprised the following major branches: (1) The Secretariat Office, (2) the Operations and Organization Office, (3) the Armament and Supply Office, (4) the Personnel and Administration Office, (5) the Information Service, (6) the Office of War Economy, and (7) the Communications Office. Of the subordinate offices, the Operations Sections for the several fronts were the more important.

Next in the chain of command were the General Staffs for the three services. Probably the most important of these was the Army General Staff (Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito) which paralleled the High Command in structure, with a Secretariat Office, and branches for Operations, Services and Supply (Intendenza) and Territorial Defense. The Army Field Forces were organized in the standard pattern, with army groups (Gruppo d'Armata), armies (Armata), Corps (Corpo d'Armata), and divisions (Divisione). In addition, there were the Carabinieri and the Frontier Guard.

Operationally, command functions varied considerably depending on the exigencies of the service. For some commands, e.g. East Africa, Libya and the Aegean Islands, there were Commanders-in-Chief for all military forces in the area. Where German troops fought side by side with the Italian forces, arrangements for command and liaison became somewhat complicated. Of special interest in this connection was the Italian Expeditionary Force in Russia (Corpo Spedizione Italiana), later designated the Eighth Army.

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The pattern of organization described above prevailed throughout World War II. After Mussolini's expulsion in 1943, King Victor Emmanuel, however, reassumed the title of Commander-in-Chief, with Marshal Pietro Badoglio serving as the Head of Government and General Ambrosio acting as the Chief of the High Command.

On 8 September 1943, the Italian Government surrendered to the Allied forces, and Italy, which had maintained an alliance with Germany since 1936, now declared war against Germany. In the spring of 1945, those German troops and Italian Army units, which were still on the peninsula, surrendered to the Allies, and the shooting war was over.

Records. -- The records of the Italian Armed Forces, 1935-43 (478 linear feet), were originally collected by the German Documents Center South (Aktensammelstelle Sued) located in Munich. It appears that they were picked up sometime after Italy's collapse in 1943 from various organizations in areas controlled by German forces. The records were then captured by American forces in 1945 and subsequently shipped to Departmental Records Branch. Although the records are in no particular archival order, some major patterns can be indicated as follows:

1. Records of the High Command comprise files of the Secretariat, the Operations and Organization Branch, the Armament and Supply Branch, and the Information Service. These files include correspondence and messages from and to Mussolini, Badoglio, and Ambrosio; reports on conferences with Adolf Hitler and Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, the German commander in Italy; mobilization schedules; order of battle charts; tables of organization and distribution; operational plans; strength reports; intelligence reports and summaries; situation and activity reports; supply surveys; air force operational reports; and maps (various scales) for all fronts and occupied areas.

2. Records of the Army General Staff and of the Army Field Forces comprise war journals; operational plans; papers on guerrilla warfare in Slovenia, Croatia and Montenegro; reports and plans on field fortifications; files dealing with military government and civil affairs; and files pertaining to liaison with German troops. Most of the records of field forces in this group are from the Armed Forces Headquarters in Slovenia-Dalmatia (Commando Superiore FF AA Slovenia-Dalmazia), also referred to as the Second Army.

3. Records of Army Corps headquarters and of Territorial Commands consist of files of the engineering sections in the Brennero, Trieste, Turin, and Udine areas, dealing predominantly with mapping and survey matters, construction of roads and field fortifications, and mobilization. Other records, especially those of the Fifth and Sixth Armies, comprise similar materials related to territorial defense measures.

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Records of the Eighth Army (formerly the Italian Expeditionary Force in Russia) pertain to logistics and engineering on the Russian front and include activity reports submitted to the High Command.

Also included in this record group are twenty linear feet of unarranged maps, engineer studies, German files relating to Italian operations, radio messages from the Ethiopian campaign, and air force technical studies and instructional manuals.

For other Italian records, see the records of Axis organizations concerned with the Far East in Record Group Summary Nr 1036, Records of Nazi Cultural and Research Institutions.

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Record Group Summary Nr 1059

COLLECTION OF JAPANESE RECORDS  
1928 - 1947

This collection comprises the following two groups of records:

I. Records of the Aeronautical Research Institute, Imperial University, Tokyo, comprising studies on aerodynamics, aerofoil, aeromechanics, aeromotors, aeronautics, aerostatics, aviation medicine, electronics, the employment of alloys in the construction of planes, guided rockets, magnetism, magnetostriction of alloys, and speed cameras, 1928-44, 284 microfilm reels. The records are mainly in the Japanese language but also in the English and German languages.

II. Reproductions of Japanese military, economic, political and other papers, 1937-47, 82 microfilm reels, described as follows:

1. Japanese Army High Command records, comprising tables of organization of the Japanese Armed Forces, including armies, service units, and air armies; imperial army orders; situation and operation reports on campaigns in New Guinea, Rabaul, Iwo Jima, Philippine Islands, and other areas; army reports to the throne; battle lessons of the Greater East Asia War; army transportation reports; and documents concerning mobilization.

2. Japanese Navy High Command records, consisting of naval orders to the throne; imperial naval orders, directives and rules; naval battle lessons and operations in New Guinea, Coral Sea, and other areas; reports on naval casualties; Japanese naval wartime organization and reorganization; and a list of Japanese vessels on hand at the end of the war.

3. Japanese economic documents covering the general production situation, essential material production, the material strength of the nation, the materiel mobilization plan, aircraft production, transportation statistics on the national railway system, and charts on war damages caused by air raids in the Tokyo area.

4. Japanese political documents, comprising stenographic records of Imperial Diet sessions, reports on Japanese political activities, plans for negotiations with the USSR, and a report on Soviet Russia's entry into World War II.

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5. Japanese newspapers, consisting of copies of the Asahi, Yomiuri-Hochi, Mainichi, Nippon Times, and Japan Times and Advertiser.

6. Private papers of Japanese individuals, including:

General Korechika Anami  
Vice Admiral Zenshiro Hoshina  
Lieutenant Colonel Masataka  
General Sumihisa Ikeda  
Lieutenant Ito  
Vice Admiral Kanazawa  
Lieutenant Commander Koichi Kayashima  
Kido  
Lieutenant General Kitano  
Colonel Masaji Kitayama  
Prince Ayanaro Konoye  
Major General Jirur Konuma  
Colonel Kunkischi Okabayashi  
Navy Captain Toshikazu Ohnase  
Navy Captain Sanagi  
Lieutenant Colonel Katsuo Sato  
Lieutenant Shibata  
Navy Captain Shibata  
Colonel Rinzo Shizuru  
Colonel Ichiji Sugita  
Premier Kantaro Suzuki  
Reich Admiral Sokichi Takagi  
Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo  
General Ugaki  
Vice Admiral Matome Ugaki  
Medical Officer Yagi  
Navy Captain Yamamoto

The National Archives has in its possession about 7000 linear feet of Japanese military and other records. For a description of these, see National Archives Record Group Registration Nr 242.

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THE VON ROHDEN COLLECTION  
1925 - 1947

This collection consists of research materials, bearing on the role of the German Air Force in World War II, that were assembled under the direction of Generalmajor Herhudt von Rohden in connection with his preparation of an official history of the German Air Force during World War II. As head of the Historical Division (8. Abteilung), General Staff, OKL, General von Rohden began assembling the materials and writing the official history during the course of World War II. At the end of the war, he was directed by the United States Air Force to complete the history with the assistance of other former German Air Force officers.

Records. -- The collection, covering the period 1926-45 (249 linear feet), consists principally of five separate numerical series as follows:

1. The 4376 series, comprising war journals, lectures of the Air Academy, conferences of German and Italian staffs, OKL directives, wartime tables of equipment, records of private German airplane factories, personnel records, and reports on the Battle of Great Britain, the Russian campaign (especially the siege of Stalingrad), the Mediterranean and North African campaigns, and Allied air raid damage, 1936-45 (162 linear feet).
2. The 4377 series, comprising reports and directives of the Reich Air Ministry concerning aircraft production and development, production reports of the German war industry, estimates of the British economic situation, reports by Generalfeldmarschall Erhard Milch on Air Force staff conferences, and evaluations of captured enemy planes, 1936-45 (11 linear feet).
3. The 4378 series, comprising speeches by Speer on German war production, minutes of the Central Planning Committee of the Speer Ministry, activity reports of German Air Force experimental stations in Travemuende and Tarnowitz, German intelligence reports on Allied air tactics, technical reports on aeronautical research projects, translations of technical articles from foreign aeronautical periodicals, and files of private German airplane firms, 1930-45 (20 linear feet).
4. The 4406 series, consisting of German Air Force intelligence reports on European countries, with target files and dossiers of important personnel; correspondence of the Reich Air Ministry concerning

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early flying instructions and pre-war industrial mobilization; target file cards on German-occupied and Russian airfields; German Air Force intelligence reports concerning aircraft losses, evaluation of United States-Russian supply routes, and principal transportation and industrial targets (especially power plants in the Moscow area); meteorological textbooks and observation reports; Air Force Technical Office reports on aviation development; and reports on Allied raw material supplies (particularly oil, rubber and bauxite); 1925-45 (32 linear feet).

5. The 4407 series, comprising directives and other papers of the German Air Force High Command and Air Fleet Commands, war journals and reports of the German Navy High Command, lectures held at the Air Force Academy, studies on air warfare in which major campaigns and maneuvers are described, and a series of "Critiques of the War" (WW II), 1936-45 (21 linear feet).

The Von Rohden Collection also includes (a) German and other foreign newspaper clippings dealing with such subjects as international conventions on disarmament, peace, Mussolini's Ethiopian campaign, foreign military developments, important Nazi Party speeches, and war production, 1933-39 (2 linear feet); and (b) copies of portions of the history of the German Air Force prepared by Von Rohden's staff, 1946-47 (1 linear foot).

A portion of the Von Rohden Collection is in the custody of the British Air Ministry, London.

The Aeronautics Division of the Library of Congress has a microfilm copy of a large part of the Von Rohden Collection (see War Documentation Project of Columbia University, Guide to Captured German Documents, [Montgomery, Ala., December 1952, pp. 31, 32].

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